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Living with Lakes Centre gets donation from Vale Inco

The Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre, a global centre of excellence for research in environmental restoration and sustainability is being built at Laurentian University on the shores of beautiful Lake Ramsey. With the renown partnership of the Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit (Co-op Unit) as the foundation, the Lakes Centre will allow the University to expand its critical research into the restoration and remediation of damaged freshwater lakes. Not only will the Centre be internationally recognized for the protection and restoration of aquatic ecosystems, it will bring tremendous economic and environmental advantage for Northern Ontario's future.

The Centre itself will be a tangible demonstration of Laurentian's global environmental leadership. To be built to the standards of the prestigious platinum LEED (Leadership in Environmental Energy and

Design) designation, the Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre will be a model of sustainability attracting top researchers and scientists from around the world to conduct groundbreaking research 'within its doors and in the lakes beyond.

Protecting one of our most precious resources Water is the "gold" of the 21st century. It is a resource that is in decline, threatened by the expansion of industries, atmospheric contaminants, and challenges resulting from global climate change. By the year 2025, it is projected that the demand for fresh water worldwide will exceed availability by 56%.

In Northern Ontario, industrial impact has caused severe damage to Boreal Shield aquatic systems. The expansion of industries that are crucial to the region's economy and quality of life, such as mining, forestry, and hydroelectric development, are increasing the environmental stress on our water system -

including the 300 freshwater lakes in the Greater Sudbury region. These forces combine to uniquely threaten the Boreal Shield ecosystem, rendering it one of the most vulnerable in the world today.

The Co-op Unit, a partnership made up of researchers from Laurentian University and the provincial Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of the Environment, has been an integral partner in developing solutions to improve the situation with industry and government, but there is much more work to be done to ensure an environmentally sustainable future. Protection of our water is crucial. Freshwater lakes are essential as a source of drinking water, as an ecosystem for fish, animals, and plants, and as a recreational resource for the region's tourism sector. Fresh water is the elixir of life, and the Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre will be at the forefront of global innovations in knowl-



Rendering of the Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre, which is being built to expand Laurentian's research and development projects.

edge, biotechnology, and processes to preserve it for generations to come. A world-class centre for environmental excellence.

Situated within the 1.8 billion year-old Sudbury Basin, at the heart of an industrial watershed, the Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre will provide scien-

tists, faculty, and students with superb natural laboratories for their studies. Research at the Lakes Centre will focus on climate change, aquatic biodiversity source water protection, assessing risks to ecology and human health, and emerging environmental issues.

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World University Service of Canada: How You Have and Can Continue to Help

Amber-Lee Carriere
Vice-President
WUSC Laurentian

The Student Refugee Program

One of the most important campaigns of Laurentian's Local Committee is the Student Refugee Program. Through this program, students from refugee camps in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Zaïre, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Somalia, Rwanda, and Burma have the opportunity to study at a post-secondary institution in Canada.

In order to qualify for the Student Refugee Program, students must first fill out an application. The student must meet minimum education requirements and be between the ages of 18 and 25 years. The maximum age has been determined with the intentions of establishing a connection between the sponsored student and their local committee. Unfortunately, the education requirements are not always achievable before the age of 25.

In refugee camps where education is accessible, it is not as well organized as it is in Canada. At WUSC's Annual Assembly in Ottawa this year, a young man who was sponsored by Wilfred Laurier described his elementary school experience: "There were two big trees. And each one had a chalk board nailed to the trunk. One tree was grade one and the other one was grade two. Age was nothing and we picked what grade to go in. What tree to go to. I started in grade two - because all of my friends were there. Quickly I learned that I had to

start in grade one, so I had to change trees." As you can imagine, students aren't always able to complete their minimum education requirements in the allotted time in order to be eligible for a WUSC sponsorship.

Once accepted to the program, the student must then pass through another set of applications in order to be accepted as a refugee and as a Canadian immigrant. WUSC partners with Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and other agencies, and it is because of these partners that the program is such a success. However, the rules present another obstacle as they are very strict, and some applicants may be denied their refugee status. For example, an individual seeking refugee status who goes to a neighboring village or town to buy necessities to sell at the refugee camp he or she resides in, would no longer be eligible for refugee status by Canadian standards; according to our immigration policies, a person who is trying to make a profit is not considered to be a refugee. This unfair policy has prevented some WUSC students from continuing their sponsorship.

After overcoming this hurdle, the sponsored student then becomes a Canadian citizen and is received at the university that has chosen them from a list of profiles. In the case of each university, the refugee's first year is always sponsored, and some uni-

versities even extend beyond this commitment. Wilfred Laurier University sponsors 4 students each year for 5 years. Laurentian University can only afford to sponsor 1 student every 2 years, and the sponsorship extends only through the refugee's first year of study.

We, at Laurentian University, are certainly not doing as much as we could be, but we can take pride in what we have accomplished. Thus far we have welcomed a total of 9 refugee students and this year we have sponsored a young woman who was born in Rwanda but came to Canada from a camp in Malawi.

A Refugee Student's Experience

The student Laurentian is sponsoring this year was born in 1987. She lived in Rwanda for seven years but was forced to leave because of the Rwandan Civil War in 1994. Her family left their home for a refugee camp in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Life in a refugee camp was difficult; as was transition from being a free citizen to refugee status. Refugee students were discouraged from going to school to the point where education was virtually inaccessible to them. It was particularly difficult for girls to attend school because there were so many chores to be done. Water had to be fetched from a well and boiled over a fire that

had to be made each morning. The heated water was then used to cook breakfast, have a shower, and wash the house. Floors needed to be swept and washed, and family members needed to be looked after. Only once all of these things were done could a student start their walk to school, which was often more than a thirty minutes away. The same lengthy process was repeated at the end of the day, leaving many without the time or energy to study.

Yet another problem to living in a refugee camp is overpopulation, which often leads to a lack of necessities like food and clean water. It is not uncommon to go to bed hungry or without a roof overhead, especially while traveling to the camp for days on foot or by bus. Commonly, there is only one water source for everyone in the refugee camp, and people often fall sick from using it.

As is often the case with impoverished people in an inadequate environment, problems are compounded. A lack of money will lead to malnutrition, which in turn leads to poor health, which in turn leads to an inability to work (if jobs are even available). Refugee camps are given donations of food, but, since it is given freely and voluntarily, rations are minimal. Problems snowball and often prevent people from being able to leave the camps.

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ADDITIONALLY...

Lambda is produced in large part with the help of chai tea, Peddler's dance parties, and brontosaurii. We are happy to announce that Lost returns today and that brain explosions will likely commence immediately. Lambda would also like to thank Kurt Kassel for the lovely clipart on page 18.

“Its nine o’ clock on a Saturday...”

Perplexing dilemma of the week: are you too cool to dance?



Alex Taylor
Editor-in-Chief

My internet wasn't working this morning (Bell says the line was down and it wasn't an overdue account issue... for once...) and I'm not going to lie, I was slightly panicked that there might be some sort of important, life altering message on Facebook that I was going to miss before 8am when I got to school. Luckily... okay, sadly, I did have new messages but nothing dramatic or world-changing. Thanks for nothing, friends list.

Last weekend I had a completely brilliant Saturday and yes, I'd love to tell you all about it. A couple friends and I went to the Robbie Burns dinner at the Legion in Minnow Lake, and I can assure you that I walked out of there feeling more connected to my half-Scottish heritage than I have in my whole life. We spent four hours listening to poems, watching performances by the Laurentian U Pipe Band and the lovely highland dancers who came to entertain. The homemade dinner was fantastic and I actually ate haggis! It didn't taste like sheep guts, although I'm not really sure why I was

expecting it to taste like sheep guts in the first place.

We were also pleased to discover that Sudbury's own Andy Lowe had been invited to play a few songs after dinner. This was exciting for a couple reasons - 1) Andrew Lowe is the greatest performer this town has ever seen and 2) He ended up playing a show at the 1500 later that night.

I know this because I was at the 1500 later that night. Some friends and I went to a going away party and then we all moseyed over to the 15 for karaoke that no longer exists. What to do, what to do! Everyone got over their disappointment fast enough once Andy started playing though, since he knows *every single song ever* and plays them all. I challenge anyone to find a better cover singer than him.

This is where I was going with my title - See, you didn't think I was going to tie it all together, did you?

The good thing about going out with big groups of people is that it's always hilarious and great conversations always commence. The problem that we often face though, is that we have some brave hilarious friends and some wimpy hilarious friends. The brave friends think that the world should dance to every song and never stop. The wimpy friends pretend they're

too cool to dance but I think we can all assume that they are too wimpy. I confess that on occasion I am too wimpy. Hello! I am not a size 2! I cannot wiggle like a size 2! That said, at places like Peddler's and the 1500 there's really no excuse because no one looks bad dancing and singing to Piano Man. Actually, *everyone* looks bad, which makes it all okay. If you feel insecure, just look at how ridiculous everyone else on the dance floor looks, and you'll feel better about yourself.

Thanks John Tesh.

This coming weekend is busy too. Busy for you. Busy for the SGA. You pay the SGA to plan events. Therefore you should go to the events! Sort of like gym memberships (I go to Pilates twice a week thank-you-very-much.)

Tonight, Thursday, 31st, January, there's a sweet Singles Mixer in the Pub that is sure to be entertaining, and you'll meet new people. New people! New people who might be as equally awesome as the people you already know! I'm not being sarcastic, it'll be a great event.

Add in the Charity Ball on Saturday and you'll have met enough new people to double your Facebook friends list (two FB reference in one editorial, I'm so lame). Check o

ut the SGA office for more information about both events. There's also a handful of other events going on that are advertised throughout this week's paper - Vagina Monologues, Zapatista film showing, and a number of others that just might be the best events you've ever attended. How will you know unless you go?

Just a final note about our 'special' section of the paper this week - I've been thinking about doing a 'Pride' issue for a long time but there didn't seem to be a lot of interest or time to write anything. Luckily, a few people really made an effort this week and put together a few things that I think you'll find interesting, if not inspiring. I know that 'gay issues' aren't everyone's deal, but I think that it's something that isn't going away so there's little point in pretending these things don't exist! Plus, life is so much more interesting when you're willing to listen to other people's experiences.

I hope everyone digs the paper and I hope you have a great beginning-of-February. The next issue comes out on Valentines Day so if you have anything to say about it, pro or con, feel free to send it my way.

Dance parties forever,
-Alex

MY DARLING?

So I saw this girl at a party the other night, and she was really really cute, and so I started wondering if she was someone who hated small talk, and didn't hang out in bars, and wasn't interested in playing games, and maybe we could fall in love right then and there, and maybe she would always hold my hand in public, and always smell good, and not complain that I don't make much money, and give me the feeling that I can do anything, and tell me I'm good-looking, and make me feel like I'm the only guy in the world, and find it endearing instead of annoying that I like rotary telephones, and make me feel like I'm going to be a moral opposition to veal, and not be a vegetarian, and look around the room at a time when we're out at a restaurant, and never stay mad at me, and make the coffee at least 50% of the time, and bonk my brains out with regularity, and tell me I look cool with my phone drive, and never answer her cell and not talk often, and write me silly notes all that sometimes, and say after you've known me for a while, and tell me I could be a model for a best-selling dildo, and give me backrubs on occasion, and not get mad at me when I call her when I'm drunk, and not get scared if I get really attached, and not consider it a wasted day if we never get out of bed, and have a pair of those knee-high leather boots somewhere in her closet, and not get mad that I never remember the rules for poker, and make everything all better when I have a crappy day. So then I tried talking to her but it was awkward for some reason so I went home.

"TALES OF MERE EXISTENCE" BY LEV

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Students live in Desmarais library to raise money for literacy

From January 18 to January 28, students at four Canadian universities, including Laurentian, lived in designated areas of their library or learning commons to raise money for world literacy and education.

During the ten days, two Laurentian students lived in the J.N Desmarais Library and collect pledges/donations from their fellow classmates and members of the community at large.

All funds raised will be directed towards Room to Read, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the world's children (www.roomtoread.org). Since its inception in 2000, Room to Read has built 287 schools and over 3000 libraries around to world.

The mission is to raise funds to build schools, libraries, and other educational infrastructure in developing countries. The goal this year is to raise \$20,000 towards the construction of five libraries in Nepal, to be established by Room to Read.

Julie and Andrea had to eat, sleep and live in a designated area of the library for 10 consecutive days. They were allowed only five minutes of freedom each hour. During the 10 days, they sacrificed going to class, taking frequent showers, using the bathroom as often as they choose, and their personal privacy.

Please see www.liveinfor-literacy.com for more information.

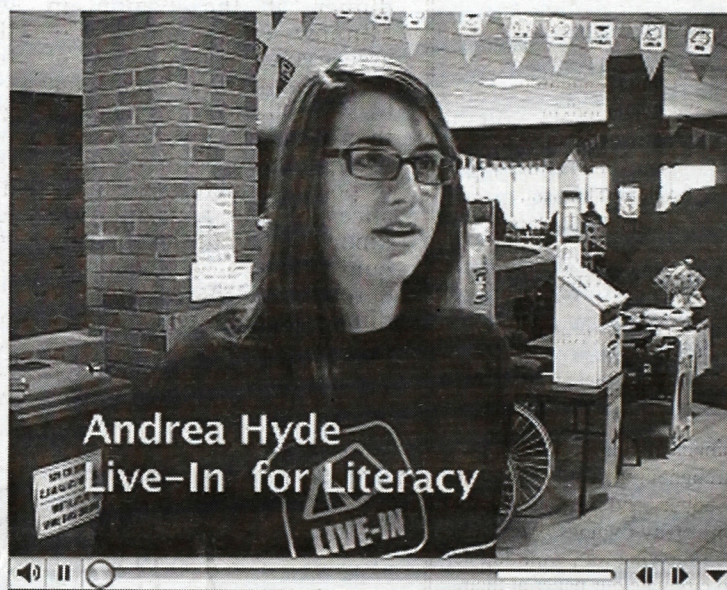
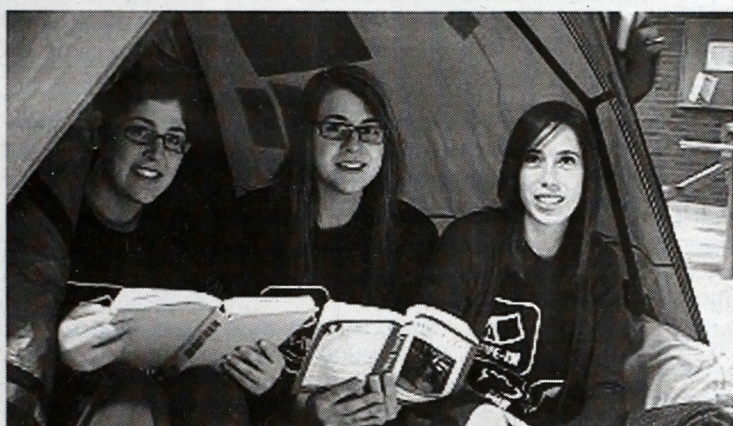
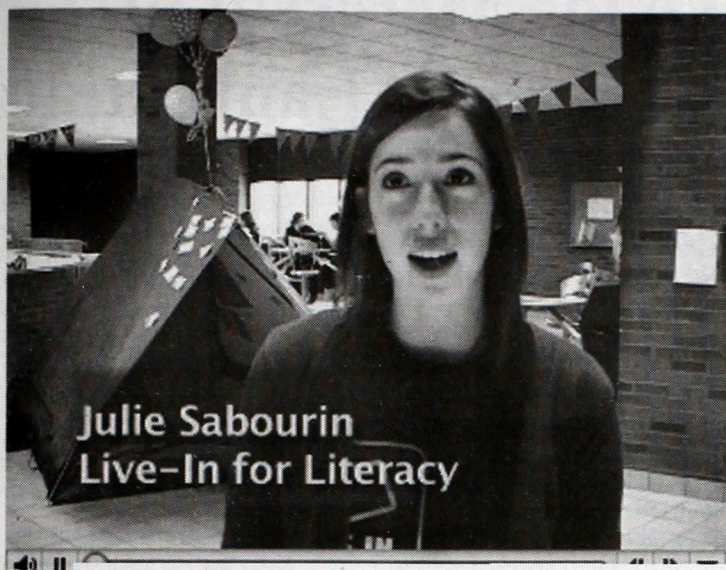
Campers:

ANDREA HYDE
2nd year English rhetoric and media studies student.

JULIE SABOURIN
2nd year B.Sc in psychology and political science student.

Living Conditions:

Living Area:
5 feet by n feet
Living in: tents
Amenities: desk, chairs, mini-fridge, laptop



All photos were taken from the daily videostream available at <http://www.laurentian.ca/Laurentian/Home/Events/Live+in+for+Literacy.htm>

Vale Inco sponsors Living with Lakes Centre

Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre will be a "model of sustainability attracting top researchers and scientists from around the world"

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The new Centre will deliver tremendous benefits to the region, including:

- Increased capacity for "real time" and "in-situ" research that will attract new researchers and external research funding from around the world
- Exceptional learning opportunities for students and faculty in Laurentian's environmental studies programs, particularly at the graduate level including the PhD program in Boreal Ecology;
- The ability to expand partnerships with industry, government, and scientists to develop solutions for some of the region's most pressing concerns related to freshwater lakes;
- New methods and technologies to restore watersheds and remediate damaged ecosystems, so that future generations can enjoy the beauty, wonder, and resources of our freshwater environments.

The Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre will be a catalyst in developing eco-industry in Northern Ontario - an emerging economy with great potential as the world seeks answers to complex environmental problems. The knowledge devel-

oped at the Centre will place Laurentian in the global arena of the world's most prestigious think tanks in aquatic systems. Already, regions of the world facing similar environmental challenges such as Norway, Russia, China, and South Africa, look to Laurentian for its expertise. The Lakes Centre will capitalize on this interest by instituting an international science transfer program to assist developing countries in their environmental restoration efforts.

Leading by example, the Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre will be constructed to meet LEED platinum standards, creating a dynamic model for living sustainability within a watershed. The facility will set a standard for sustainable, institutional design in Canada, providing a powerful boost to "green" building development in the region, and cementing Sudbury's reputation for environmental innovation. Laurentian University

Laurentian is the natural site for a centre of excellence in environmental restoration and sustainability. The University has already developed one of the largest aquatic science research, training, and employment sites in Ontario through its

Co-op Unit - a Unit that continually receives international accolades for its demonstrated expertise. Its innovative work in ecosystem restoration is widely recognized as the "Sudbury method" by academics around the world. As a result of its unique geo-cultural make-up, the University has amassed a specialized knowledge base that cannot be easily duplicated by other institutions or organizations.

The Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre will provide the infrastructure so critically required to take Laurentian's environmental research to new heights. The current facility has come to the end of its useful life. The new Centre is urgently needed to accommodate the Co-op Unit's burgeoning research agenda, and the growing numbers of scientists and students that are drawn to the region. Equipped with state-of-the-art laboratories and access to an abundance of freshwater lakes, the Centre will foster a culture of international innovation and inquiry. Laurentian's "made in the North" research centre will offer a natural advantage far learning and discovery to transform environments at home and across the globe.

Laurentian University surpasses its United Way fundraising goal

Sudbury (Ontario) - Laurentian University is pleased to announce that it has surpassed its \$40,000 goal for its fundraising United Way workplace campaign. Thanks to the generous support of faculty, staff and students, the university has raised a total of \$44,390. Laurentian is amongst the top six fundraising workplaces for United Way/Centraide in the Greater Sudbury District.

Donations to this year's United Way campaign were made by payroll deduction and various fundraising activities on campus, including a Pancake Breakfast, a Christmas luncheon, an auction and a student "Penny Race".

Laurentian University warmly thanks its faculty, staff and students for their generous and continued support which make our university a caring and engaged community partner in Greater Sudbury.

ADVL hosts Snow Games

On January 24th, ADVL students hosted an outdoor event as part of the SGA's Winter Carnival. The activities ran from 11am - 2pm and included bike races through the snow, snowshoeing, snow painting, snow sculpting and a tug-of-war. Hot chocolate and baked goods were sold and all the money raised went to the Adventure Leadership third year canoe trip to Hudson Bay in June.

Special thanks go out to Kevin, Tori, Tasha and Gavin for coordinating and running the event. Keep an eye on LAMBDA and your webmail for upcoming ADVL events

Vagina Monologues this weekend at Thorneloe

The Vagina Monologues gives a voice to many different women to share their personal stories and experiences. It's aim is to bring awareness and end violence against women around the globe. The monologues are beautiful, ugly, strong and silent, perfect and profound, much like the women who are sharing their stories.

A Poignant and hilarious tour of the last frontier, the ultimate forbidden zone, The Vagina Monologues is a celebration of female sexuality in all its complexity and mystery. It has been performed in cities all across America and Canada and at hundreds of college and university campuses, and has inspired a dynamic grassroots movement - V-Day - to stop violence against women.

Witty and irreverent, compassionate and wise, Eve Ensler's masterpiece gives voice to real women's deepest fantasies and fears, guaranteeing that no one who sees it will ever look at a woman's body, or think of sex, in quite the same way again.

The Vagina Monologues is WOMAN LOVING and not anything else. Not Man hating, or anything of the like. If you love Pussy - you'll come see the monologues!

V-Day Laurentian University 2008

A Production of Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues As Part of the 2008 V-Day Campaign! Join us as we celebrate V-Day's Ten Year Anniversary, raise awareness and end violence against women.

(Information politely stolen from The Vagina Monologues event on Facebook - Check it out!)

TWO PERFORMANCES ONLY:

at THE FRAISER AUDITORIUM on Friday February 1st at 8 PM and at the THORNELOE THEATRE on Saturday February 2nd at 8 PM (limited seating)

Who: Laurentian University

What: V-Day Laurentian University 2008, a benefit production of Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues, raising funds for YWCA Geneva House and the women in New Orleans displaced by hurricane Katrina.

Where: Fraiser Auditorium, Laurentian University, 935 Ramsey Lake Road, Sudbury Ontario, P3E 2C6
Thorneloe University, Laurentian University, 935 Ramsey Lake Road, Sudbury Ontario, P3E 2C6

When: February 1st and 2nd at 8:00 PM

Admission: \$25 for Adults, \$15 for Students and Seniors. Donations will be graciously accepted.

Contact for Tickets:

Thorneloe Office - 673-1730, go to Black Cat Too, or at the door.
(Tickets will be on sale by Tuesday January 22)

Goal: To raise awareness to stop violence against women and girls and funds for our beneficiary - YWCA Geneva

House

Sponsored by: Thorneloe Theatre

V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls that raises funds and awareness through benefit productions of Playwright/Founder Eve Ensler's award winning play The Vagina Monologues. 2008 marks V-Day's 10 year anniversary and with it V-Day has introduced two new events, V-Day's A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer: Writings on Violence Against Women and Girls, and the V-Day documentary Until The Violence Stops. In 2007, more than 3000 V-Day events took place in the U.S. and around the world. To date, the V-Day movement has raised over \$50 million and educated millions about the issue of violence against women and the efforts to end it, crafted international educational, media and PSA campaigns, launched the Karama program in the Middle East, reopened shelters, and funded over 5000 community-based anti-violence programs and safe houses in Kenya, South Dakota, Egypt and Iraq. The 'V' in V-Day stands for Victory, Valentine and Vagina.

<http://www.vday.org>

What is a V-Day Campaign?

A V-Day Campaign is a catalyst for mobilizing women and men to heighten awareness about violence against women and girls. By creating this global community, V-Day strives to empower women to find their collective voices and demand an end to the violence that affects one in three women in the US and around the world.

Ovide Mercredi to Lecture at Laurentian

Ovide Mercredi, former national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, to present next Gkendassawin Trail Speakers Series Lecture at Laurentian

As part of the Gkendassawin Trail Speakers Series, the Office of Native Student Affairs and Office of Academic Native Affairs are presenting a public lecture by Ovide Mercredi, chief of the Misipawistik Cree Nation, and former national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, on Monday February 4, 2008 at 7 p.m., in the Fraser Auditorium of Laurentian University.

All are welcome to attend. Admission is free.

Ovide Mercredi is a Cree from Grand Rapids, Manitoba. He began his role as a political advocate for First Nations in the late 1960s.

As a lawyer, Mr. Mercredi specialized in constitutional law, and became a key strategist for the assembly during the Meech Lake Accord constitutional reform discussions. He also had a strong leadership role in resolv-

ing the Oka Crisis.

During his term as national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, he played a major role in the Charlottetown Accord constitutional discussions. He was re-elected to this position in 1994, and served as national chief until 1997.

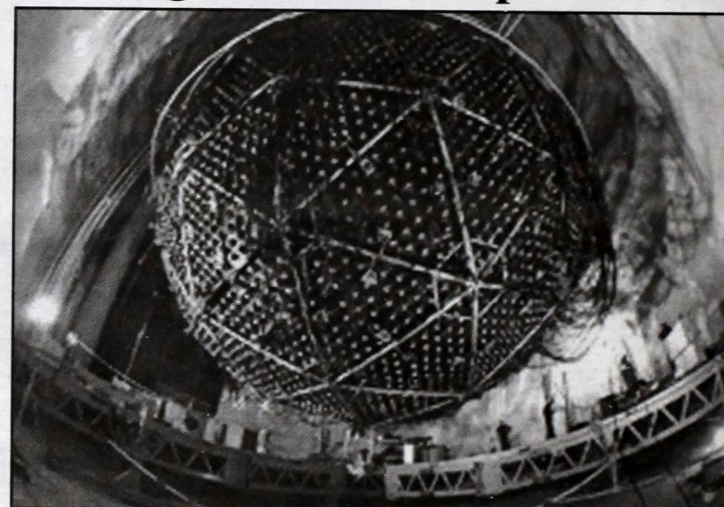
Author, Mr. Mercredi co-wrote with Mary Ellen Turpel In The Rapids: Navigating the Future of First Nations.

Mercredi is an advocate of non-violent methods for change, and has been nominated by the Government of India for the Gandhi Peace Prize. He has also received honorary law degrees from both St. Mary's and Bishop's universities.

Mercredi delivered his inaugural address as chancellor of the University College of the North in Northern Manitoba in November, 2007.

He is currently serving his first term as chief of Misipawistik Cree Nation in Manitoba.

New Funding will Support Underground Lab Operations



contributed

Officials at SNOLAB, Canada's premier astroparticle physics underground research facility are very pleased by the announcement of \$17.9 million in provincial funding from the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation, made by Minister John Wilkinson yesterday morning. Dr. Tony Noble, SNOLAB Director, points out that this funding is essential as SNOLAB reaches its completion milestone later this year and commences operations. "We can now proceed with our final plans for commissioning the laboratory and arranging a schedule for the new experiments" said Dr. Noble.

"SNOLAB is a world renowned facility that attracts researchers from around the globe to Sudbury," said MPP for Sudbury Rick Bartolucci. "This project will further enhance SNOLAB's international reputation and ensure that the Sudbury region can attract and retain the top research talent, and skilled workforce that northern Ontario needs to prosper in the 21st century."

With its laboratories at the greatest depth in the world, SNOLAB has attracted great interest from research groups around the world seeking the lowest background sites for next generation versions of their experiments. Said Dr. David Sinclair, Director of SNOLAB

development, "The Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO) experiment has given Sudbury a world-wide profile in the particle physics community, and SNO-LAB researchers will have key roles in a group of new experiments which are scheduled to be installed here in the years ahead". Dr. Fraser Duncan, Associate Director of SNOLAB is pleased with the great progress made by the excavation and construction teams in bringing this 3000 square meter addition to the SNO laboratory very close to completion. "We will shortly establish cleanroom environments in many laboratory rooms and should have experiment installations beginning later this year. I congratulate our team members for their remarkable progress in this challenging work over the past four years", said Dr. Duncan.

As SNOLAB is completed and hosts new frontier experiments in astroparticle physics, unique research opportunities will be provided for scientists and graduate students at SNOLAB's partner institutions and the potential for new discoveries is high. Up to the minute information on the laboratory is available at www.snolab.ca.

More information about the Ontario government research funding is available on page 5.

WUSC works with students and refugees

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Fortunately this did not become the case with our sponsored student. Because of all the hardships and the lack of available education at the camp in the Democratic Republic of Congo, her family was forced to move once again. However, conditions in this new camp proved to be as inadequate and insufficient as the former, and she was once again forced to find a new home. The third refugee camp they moved to was in Malawi. There her and her three sisters finally gained the opportunity to attend school.

After her sister's successful application for sponsorship through WUSC, our sponsored student decided to apply herself. In 2005 she began the application process, and is studying liberal sciences at Laurentian. She has braved the challenges of the application process, during which she was unable to visit her family save once in the two years prior to leaving for Canada in August of 2007.

"In Canada", she says, "things are so easy. All you have to do is turn a tap for water, or a thermostat for heat. Technology is much more advanced and jobs are more attainable".

Laurentian's sponsored student does plan to return to visit Africa, but she has decided that she will not live there again. She is just starting to get used to the cold, and has mixed feelings

about snow. She does think it's beautiful, but while watching the blowing snow during our last snow storm all she could say was: "this is not good."

Laurentian Local Committee's Referendum

WUSC's Student Refugee Program is an enormously successful program that gives youth a chance to continue their education and overcome the obstacles that hinder the education of refugee students in Africa. Laurentian has sponsored 9 students and must continue and improve its Student Refugee Program. We are changing people's lives and giving hope for a better future.

Laurentian's Local Committee currently receives 1 dollar from each full time undergraduate student and each professor at Laurentian University. This is not enough. It only affords us the ability to sponsor one student every two years. With more in-kind donations and increased funding from Laurentian's student community, we could better sustain our sponsored student. The extra money would afford Laurentian's sponsored students minor luxuries such as a spare set of sheets and more perishable food items. It would make the beginning of their life in Canada an exciting new beginning rather than a continuation of challenges

that they have already worked so hard to overcome in Africa.

With this goal in mind, Laurentian's Local Committee of the World University Service of Canada will potentially be holding a referendum this year. The student services electoral ballot will also ask you to agree to support WUSC's Local Committee and allow the contribution per full time undergraduate student to be increased from one dollar to two.

It seems like such a small amount, but it really would make a difference and will change someone's life.

Thank you for the support you have and will hopefully continue to give.

There are Local Committees of WUSC on university campuses across Canada, and Laurentian's Local Committee has been around for close to 20 years. The president of the committee for 2007 to 2008 is Brigitte Pelletier Cisneros, and the vice president is Amber-lee Carrière. For any information feel free to contact either at bx_pelletiercisneros@laurentienne.ca and ax_carriere@laurentian.ca, respectively. You can also contact the Local Committee by e-mailing wusc@laurentian.ca.

Ontario Universities Applaud Government Support for Campus Renewal

The Ontario government's announcement of \$200 million for postsecondary campus renewal was greeted with enthusiasm by Ontario universities. Modernizing infrastructure and addressing deferred maintenance are top priorities for Ontario universities.

"This is a tremendous boost to the university sector," said Dr. Ross Paul, Vice-Chair of the

Council of Ontario Universities and President of the University of Windsor. "Funding for campus renewal will help revitalize our labs, libraries and classrooms to ensure that they are equipped for cutting-edge research, new technologies, changing learning environments and increased student demand for university places."

"The Ontario government clearly understands that univer-

sities are the knowledge infrastructure of the province," said Dr. Paul Genest, President of the Council of Ontario Universities.

Much of Ontario's university infrastructure was built in the 1960s and 1970s. Modernization will ensure that systems are reliable, suitable for today's teaching needs, and meet accessibility guidelines, new standards of energy efficiency and security needs.

"This important investment in campus renewal reflects Minister Milloy's and Premier McGuinty's strong leadership in higher education and recognition of the crucial link between universities and Ontario's economy and society," said Dr. Genest. "This investment is five times the amount that the postsecondary education sector ordinarily receives annually, and demonstrates the Ministry's

responsiveness to the needs of the higher education sector and the educated people and ideas it generates. It is a terrific investment."

"Ontario universities are well placed to help the government address economic and social challenges," said Dr. Genest. "This investment in academic infrastructure will greatly advance our ability to do that."

World-Class Research In Sudbury Boosts Economy

Revolutionary research being conducted in Sudbury to expand our understanding of the universe is one of 19 cutting edge-research projects supported by the McGuinty government, Minister of Research and Innovation John Wilkinson announced today, joined by MPP for Sudbury Rick Bartolucci.

Ontario is investing \$17.9 million to ensure that research teams working in a physics facility housed two kilometers underground at Inco's Creighton Mine in Sudbury, will have the tools and resources they need to continue their globally significant work that aims to expand our understanding of the Universe — how it came to be and how it's evolving.

Today's investment is helping to grow the region's knowledge economy — and ensures Ontario scientists are at the forefront of a rapidly growing and important field.

This project is one of 19, totalling nearly \$115 million, being supported by the government across Ontario. One hundred and seven partners, including many in industry, will match this funding. The research projects supported at universities, institutes and hospitals across the province address a range of challenges, including:

- Reducing the amount of electricity used by computers
- Developing the vehicles of the future
- Providing better tools to diagnose and treat heart disease.

"By investing in research and innovation and the skills and knowledge of our people today, we will ensure Ontario remains the best place in the world to live, work and raise a family," Wilkinson said.

"Ontarians will benefit from better health-care services, new technologies, a cleaner environment and more opportunities for success."

"SNOLAB is a world renowned facility that attracts researchers from around the globe to Sudbury," said MPP for Sudbury Rick Bartolucci. "This project will further enhance SNOLAB's international reputation and ensure

"By investing in research and innovation and the skills and knowledge of our people today, we will ensure Ontario remains the best place in the world to live, work and raise a family,"

that the Sudbury region can attract and retain the top research talent, and skilled workforce that northern Ontario needs to prosper in the 21st century."

"It's exciting to realize that just a few hundred metres

away from our mining activity, cutting-edge scientific research will continue to enhance our knowledge of the universe and lead to discoveries that could change the way we see and interact with the planet," said Vale Inco's Vice President, Mining Operations, Brian Maynard.

"SNOLAB is the largest, deepest, and cleanest facility in the world available for this type of research," said SNOLAB Director and Queen's University Professor Dr. Tony Noble. "With this tremendous support from the Ontario government, we have the resources we need to continue our ground-breaking work here at SNOLAB's state-of-the-art facility, and keep Sudbury at the forefront of astrophysics research."

"Today's investment is a part of our government's plan to invest in research and innovation that will build on regional strengths, boost Ontario's economy and spark the next generation of highly-

skilled, good-paying jobs," Wilkinson said.

The Ontario Research Fund is just one of the ways the McGuinty government is creating a stronger economy and supporting Ontario families. Other initiatives include:

- Launching the \$160 million Ideas-to-Market strategy that supports emerging companies, which includes the Ontario Venture Capital Fund

- Providing a 21 per cent Capital Tax rate cut for all businesses retroactive to January 1, 2007, on the way to full elimination in 2010

- Announcing in the 2007 Fall Economic Statement an additional \$50 million in strategic investment to further strengthen Ontario's environment for scientific research that will lead to new discoveries, higher quality of life and new jobs.

For more information about the Ontario Research Fund, please visit www.ontario.ca/innovation.

ON-LINE SURVEY FOR LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS



YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

Our President, Dr. Judith Woodsworth, will be emailing you on GroupWise in February inviting you to participate in our 2008 NSSE on-line survey.

Survey results will help Laurentian University establish priorities to improve the overall university experience of its student population.

We are greatly interested in hearing from you. By participating in this on-line survey, you will have a chance to win one of two cash prizes worth \$500 each.

Only first-year students and graduating students may participate in the survey which should take about 20 minutes to complete.

For additional information, please visit the NSSE site at www.nsse.iub.edu or contact Claudette Lemire at ext. 3930 or by email at clemire@laurentian.ca.

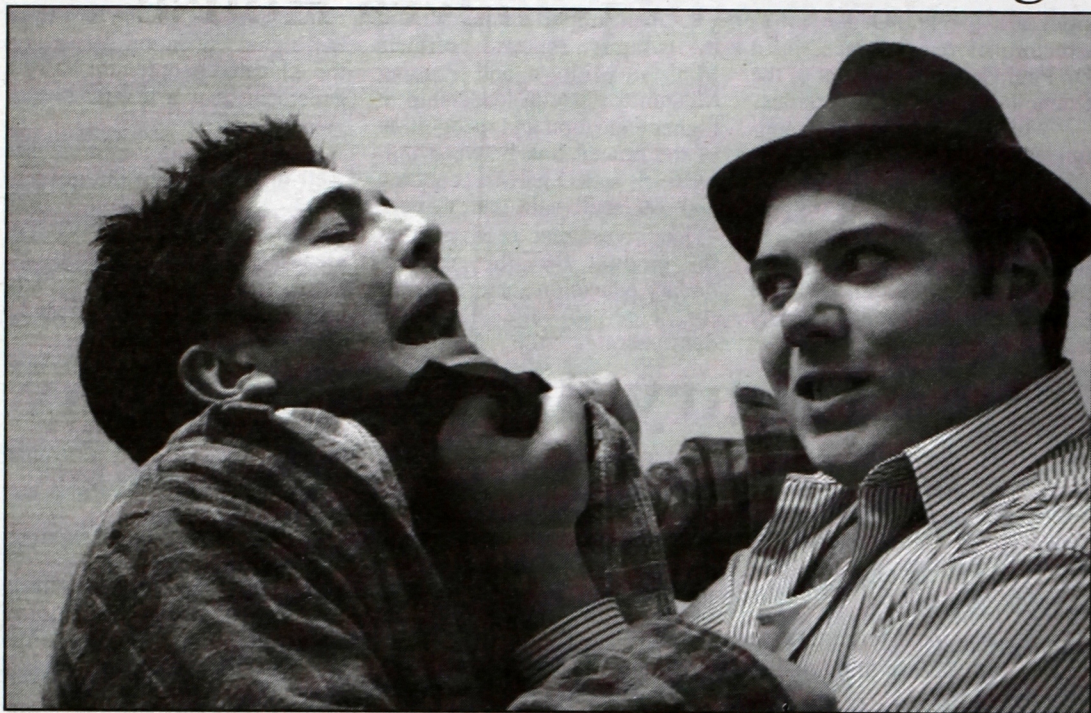
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Italian Theatre Hits Thorneloe Stage



For the 16th consecutive year, Le Maschere Laurenziane, a student theatre troupe housed in Laurentian University's Italian Studies Program, will present their annual stage production. This year the troupe will perform **"I panni sporchi si lavano in famiglia"** ("Don't Hang Your Dirty Laundry on the Clothes-line") by local Italian-Canadian playwrights and Laurentian professors Diana Iuele-Colilli and Christine Sansalone.

I panni sporchi si lavano in famiglia takes place the late 1950s in Sudbury's "West End", an area of the city known for its large Italian presence. The main character, Peppino Pallone, left his native Italy and came to Canada in search of a better life. He and his wife Filomena have four daughters, and, like all other Italian immigrants of the time, tried to instill in them the values and traditions brought from the old country. Peppino is incensed by the fact that his daughter Rita would disregard his wishes and marry a "non-Italian" man. All discussions, arguments, secrets and hilarious misunderstandings are uncovered during the weekly recital of the rosary. The play is a testament to the life that Italian immigrants have carved out for themselves in their adopted homeland.

I panni sporchi si lavano in famiglia will be performed by students of the Italian Studies program on Friday, February 8, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. and at 8:00 p.m., on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday, February 10, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the Thorneloe University Theatre at Laurentian University. Admission for all the performances is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children, students and seniors. Tickets are available at D & A Fine Meats on Paris St., at The Caruso Club on Haig St. and John Fiorino's at the Port on Elm St.

For further information, please contact Laurentian University's Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, at (705) 675-1151, ext. 4271 / 4274 or (705) 523-0988.

CKLU hosts Speed Dating by Song

Matt Moskal

Through the power of song, CKLU 96.7 FM wants to help you find romance. On February 10th, Sudbury's alternative radio station will be hosting a Speed Date by Song Party. As the CKLU family continues to grow, they're offering you the chance to make new connections.

For only \$8.00 per female or \$10.00 per male, singles can bring in their iPod, MP3 players, portable CD players, or walkman (no 8-tracks) to the Howard Johnson Hotel on Brady in Salon C. The night of chance romance commences at 7:00 PM.

Just for showing up, each lucky bachelor and bachelorette will be awarded a gift certificate at Respect is Burning Supperclub (second date idea?) as well as prizes from The Townhouse Tavern, Records on Wheels, Fashion City, Between Us Lovers Boutique, and Creo's Louisiana Grill. So there's a good chance you won't be walking away dissatisfied.

Tickets are now on sale at Black Cat Too.

More information from CKLU

After you enter the salon, you will fill out an ID sheet that includes your name, assigned ID number, telephone number and email address. Once completed, we give you a tag with your name and ID number on it.

Now we take your photo - smile!

The room is set up with individual tables. The gals sit

at the tables and the guys move from table to table in a clockwise direction.

You have five minutes with each "date." We recommend you spend the first couple of minutes playing the tune of your choice.

Didn't bring any tunes? No worries! You can still participate!

If you wish to meet your "date" again, simply put a check mark next to their ID number.

We have a few brakes scheduled for trips to the loo, or the hotel bar, or out for a smoke, or what have you.

At the end of the event, you hand in your sheet and we look for matches. Then we send you a message telling you who you are matched with, at which point, it is up to you whether to contact the person or not.

Through out the event a bunch of surprise table prizes will be given. All of these are "date" incentive gifts. These include:

2 tickets to the Bob Snider and Bob Wiseman double bill at the Townhouse on Valentine's Day Evening

and gift certificates from:
Records on Wheels
Fashion City
Between Us Boutique
Creos Louisiana Grill

and every participant will receive a gift certificate for up to \$200.00 from Respect is Burning!

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Science North Strives to be more Environmentally Friendly

As Science North wraps up the second week of its annual maintenance shut-down, work is underway to ensure the science centre experiences a "greener" 2008! Several initiatives are being implemented to enhance conservation efforts and waste management services.

Power Factor Correction

A new piece of equipment has been ordered and will be installed in the coming months to correct the power factor at Science North. Power factor is simply a measure of how efficiently we use our electricity. Inductive loads cause a low power factor (PF) resulting in inefficient energy use and increased hydro costs. A 'smart' capacitor bank will be installed in the main electrical vault to help improve Science North's power consumption efficiency. By cutting back on power usage Science North will also be reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Science North is investing \$20,000 dollars in this upgrade.

"The power factor at Science North is low because of inductive loads associated with the increasing amount of electronic equipment used in the centre. Thus the "apparent" power that we use is greater than the real amount of power required," said Jeff Baron, Director of Technical Services. "Minimizing our energy requirements is good for the environment and the bottom line. We expect that Science North will save over \$3,000 annually on energy costs with the installation of this new power factor correction equipment."

Personal Blue Boxes

Staff at Science North will be issued new desk waste recycling bins. The bins are composed of two parts – the blue recycling bin, with a smaller beige insert. This new system is designed to recycle as much desk and office waste as possible. Science North staff will also play an active role in the success of this initiative. Cleaning staff will be servicing the new beige bins (trash) on a daily basis, and staff will be responsible for emptying blue bins into larger recycling bins located in various common areas throughout the building.

LED Light Usage

Every festive season Science North partners with the Sudbury Charities Foundation to present the Festival of Lights. This year the event included 300 light displays and 50% of those light displays were re-rope with energy-efficient LED light strings. The initiative resulted in huge energy savings for Science North, and significant cost savings for the Sudbury Charities Foundation. The power bill this year for the festival amounted to \$500 dollars. In 2006/2007 the Sudbury Charities Foundation used approximately \$2,000 dollars worth of electricity to power the event!

"Using LED lights on our displays has paid off for our organization in a big way," said John Querney, Sudbury Charities

Foundation President. "It is a great feeling to be helping the environment, but at the same time, it is a great accomplishment to have raised additional money for the charity through the savings."

Other "Green" Initiatives

Science North has been leading by example since 2003, when it comes to protecting the environment. At that time, the science centre stopped using pesticides to maintain facility grounds. Numerous other environmentally-friendly initiatives have also been launched – old lighting fixtures have been replaced with newer, efficient models, motion sensors have been installed, and in some cases usage has been modified to occur at off-peak times of the day. Measures to reduce the consumption of natural gas include lowering ceilings in the administrative offices, installing non-tamper proof thermostats in sensitive areas, turning on the kitchen's gas ovens an hour later in the mornings, and turning off the BFG air handling unit in the evenings. The science centre is also making it a priority to promote recycling initiatives and blue boxes are now stationed in all food areas at Science North. The organization is also in the process of purchasing its first hybrid vehicle as part of reducing fossil fuel consumption within the vehicle fleet.

Vagina Cookies raise awareness and money for Geneva House



Harriet Carlson

Laughing Buddha employees pose on January 27th with their vagina treats, sold to raise money for Sudbury's Geneva House, an emergency shelter for women having experienced spousal violence. Part of the money raised was also donated to an international V-Day fund benefitting the women affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Tickets were also sold for the Laurentian University production of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues", being held at the Fraser Auditorium on Friday, January 31st, and Thornloe Theatre on Saturday, February 1st.

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Summer Exchange Program. In Querétaro, Mexico



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"My summer exchange to Mexico was an amazing time! I met some really great people who I am still incredibly close to today, we learned so much about the culture and were able to interact with people very early into the trip. It's an opportunity I'm so glad I participated in and encourage anyone and everyone to study this way."

- Cagney Orr

"My summer in Mexico was incredibly memorable. Aside from learning a brand new language and meeting new friends, I was able to travel and explore the country. Querétaro is a beautiful and safe city. There are many great cafes/restaurants near the school, as well as where I was billeted. There were great parks for exercising in, and loads of shopping and night life. The school program and teachers were all great, and very welcoming. If you love to travel, and learn, and aren't afraid of adventure, then this is the experience for you! Have fun! Bon Voyage..."

- Erica Dubreil

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-Daniella Comacchio

Sights, sounds, scents and colours of India leave lasting impression



Mustafa Abdulhusein

India! Need I say more? Well (considering that I have to write an entire column) I better! As soon as that country's name is heard, many thoughts come to mind, some of them stereotypical, and some from first-hand experiences. For me personally, I remember unique sights, sounds, heat, scents and colours of one of the most exotic countries in the world.

I've had the pleasure of traveling to India several times during the last few years and most recently over the Christmas holidays. I don't want you to think that this article is going to be a journal of what I did on a day to day basis. Instead, I'd like to tell you about my overall experience visiting India on the whole from the point of view as someone raised in Canada.

Firstly, there is no doubt that the cultural core- the very fibers that make up Indian society is very different from mainstream Canadian culture. That being said, due to the effects of globalization, India has a booming

economy and many 'Western' culture aspects have been incorporated with the traditional culture.

I refer to India as an entire country, but each part of India is so different, probably even more so than any comparable parts in Canada. For example, India has 15 national languages- including English and Hindi! The country has 28 states with 7 union territories.

In my most recent trip, I visited Mumbai - the capital of Maharashtra. Mumbai is comparable to Toronto. It is the economic capital, while New Delhi is the political capital. There is so much to talk about on this one topic and so many experiences to describe. The best place to start would be my departure from Canada. I went from Laurentian to the airport and flew to Toronto. From there I left for Zurich, Switzerland at 6:15pm. The most common way to travel to India is via Europe, although going via a direct flight to Dubai and then on to Mumbai is also a widespread option. I didn't reach Mumbai until the early morning hours of the 14th. The total travel time is approximately 30 hours with a jet lag of 10.5 hours forward. In a

nutshell: one's system is outta whack.

Traveling within Mumbai has been restricted to the use of just taxis, with rickshaws only being used on the outskirts. The most important rule of thumb for the taxis is to make sure that the "T-Card" is checked before you leave. What happens sometimes is that the amount you have to pay is 'magically' increased. The T-Card is a way of standardizing all the taxi's and the rates they are paid based on the meter. The roads of India are, well... a little different. They are shared by several modes of transportation as well as by exotic species of other mammals.

Let me explain. On the roads, one can find buses, taxis, scooters and motor bikes, trucks of all sizes, bullock carts, hand pulled carts and trolleys and yes...rickshaws. Factor in a large number of people and the occasional cow, horse, monkey or goat- you have yourself a party! In truth, once you're in the thick of it, it's not that bad. This trip, I drove a car there for the first time! Basically, all you have to remember is don't be afraid to use the horn and the high beams. What surprised me actually was

that the people were a lot more courteous and willing to share the road with whomever and whatever.

Indian cuisine - who has not sampled the delicious spicy aromatic Indian dishes? However, a word of caution - raised here, we don't have the same immune ability as the people raised there. Also, the food is understandably different than the pizza and hamburger dominated diet we have here. It looks, smells, and definitely tastes different. Remember also that drinking unfiltered tap water is one way of destroying a great holiday. Safest bet is to always buy bottled water. Another option is an Aqua guard - I drank water on several occasions from water that was purified and filtered by Aqua guard and didn't get sick at all. Usually it's served at restaurants and was available where I stayed.

That brings us to accommodation. I was lucky enough to have family there who reluctantly agreed to have me there! One can get very affordable accommodation in Mumbai and other major centers - this may not apply to the tourist hot spot of Goa. When I was there, one American dollar gave 39 Indian rupees. Basically

a 1:40 ratio. So a relatively small budget here tends to go further in India. That being said, with the sagging American economy and the booming Indian economy, I'm not sure how long that large gap will last.

Overall, my trip was a blast. I was able to see a lot of Mumbai and visited the hill stations of Mahtheran and Khandala. The last weekend of my trip I went to Galiakot and Ahmedabad - both cities about 7 hours by train from Mumbai.

Indian culture is astounding. But culture is a term that's thrown around loosely. What I mean by culture is that the people have unique but shared ideals both traditional and modern. India is full of ancient relics and is fast forwarding as a first world nation. You can see high rise buildings and tall mosque minarets reaching for the sky next to each other.

I know that it will take me many lifetimes to visit all the wonderful places in this fantastic planet but to experience a microcosm of our world, in my opinion there is no better place than India.

Computer Science Club hosts second LAN party of '08

LAN Party #2 - Saturday, February 2nd from 2pm to 2am

-Bring your PC, mouse, keyboard, ethernet cable and powerbar

-Any competitions or tournaments will only apply to the games listed for this LAN

-The official list of games planned for this LAN is as follows:

* Call of Duty 2 v1.3 OR Call of Duty 4 v1.4
* Command and Conquer 3 - v1.09
* Unreal Tournament 3 v1.1 OR Unreal Tournament 2004 v1
* Warcraft III - Frozen Throne v1.21 OR Starcraft (Fully Updated)
* Counter Strike Source OR Team Fortress 2 OR Day of Defeat Source
* Battlefield 2 v1.41 (If the game works on the network)

We are also planning a BBQ/Movie/Gaming night and a third LAN party after the study week.

For a tentative list of all CSC events, please see our google calendar.



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Reclaiming queer

Convoluteds acronyms out, queer in

Jasmine Ing
 The Link
 (Concordia University)

MONTREAL (CUP) -- People that are not straight label themselves by a multitude of different terms. Some men who are interested in other men, for example, like to be called "gay" while some others prefer the term "queer." Each individual can choose whatever name they feel comfortable with as everyone has their own unique reasons for choosing a respective label (or choosing not to be labelled).

While collectively non-queer people are often referred to the gay, lesbian bisexual, trans-identified, two-spirit, and queer community (GLBTQ), many just refer to this entire group as the "queer" community, using "queer" as an umbrella term for all.

However, the word queer has a longstanding connotation of being a negative, pejorative term. Many people, especially those from genera-

tions that witnessed more negative use of such terms, object to using them for self-identification. However, for some queer it seems to be a perfect fit.

"When you think of the word 'gay' for instance," says Shelly Skinner, VP special events of the Concordia Queer Union, "you think of someone who is totally homosexual. There's not a lot of flexibility there. But when you think of the queer, you think of someone who is different than heterosexual, someone who is open to different physical and emotional relationships. Someone who doesn't have to fit themselves into a category."

In the 1920s, the word "queer" was used by more masculine homosexual men in place of the term "fairy," which was used to refer to more effeminate men. The word "gay" surfaced shortly afterward and was used as a universally recognized code word by homosexuals. By the end of the World War II, the word "gay" had com-

pletely replaced "queer" and "fairy," which then merged these two terms together. "Queer" was rejected by homosexuals for portraying their orientation as odd or deviant.

It wasn't until the early 1990s that AIDS activists reclaimed the word "queer" as an umbrella term for GLBTQ people. Since then, the term has spread quickly. With younger generations its use is becoming very mainstream as television shows like "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" and "Queer as Folk" gain popularity. Perhaps this is a sign that there is less separation in the GLBTQ community, or there's a greater societal acceptance of diverse sexualities. But for people like Skinner, "Queer is just a great word to describe people that have sexualities other than straight."

Pride @ L.U.

Pride @ L.U. is located at L-228 (around the corner from the bookstore) in the Parker Building. It is a safe space on campus for LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) and gay friendly (straight but not narrow) students and staff. LGBT resources, including movies, books, zines and pamphlets, are available. Pride @ L.U. has club status and holds events to promote tolerance and acceptance, such as movie nights, socials and guest speakers. Pride holds meetings on the first Monday of every month. The next meeting is on February 4th at noon.

Come in and come out!

Great Queers in History

compiled by Mandy-Lynn Dobratz

- o Alexander the Great (Macedonian ruler, 300 B.C.)
- o Socrates (Greek philosopher, 400 B.C.)
- o Sappho (Greek woman poet, 600 B.C.)
- o Richard the Lionhearted (English King, 12th c.)
- o Francis Bacon (English statesman author)
- o Walt Whitman (U.S. poet, author, 19th c.)
- o Oscar Wilde (Irish author, 19th c.)
- o Gertrude Stein (U.S. poet, author, 20th c.)
- o Cole Porter (U.S. composer, 20th c.)
- o Virginia Woolf (English author, 20th c.)
- o Pope Julius III (1550-1555)
- o Tennessee Williams (U.S. playwright, 20th c.)
- o Andy Warhol (U.S. artist, 20th c.)
- o Michelangelo (Italian artist, 15th c.)
- o Leonardo Da Vinci (Italian artist, scientist, 15th c.)
- o Tchaikovsky (Russian composer, 19th c.)
- o E.M. Forster (English author, 20th c.)
- o John M. Keynes (English economist, 20th c.)
- o Bessie Smith (U.S. singer, 20th c.)
- o Eleanor Roosevelt (U.S. stateswoman, 20th c.)
- o Julius Caesar (Roman Emperor)
- o Harvey Milk (U.S. politician, 20th c.)
- o James I (English King, 16th-17th c.)
- o Queen Anne (English Queen, 18th c.)
- o Marie Antoinette (French Empress, 18th c.)
- o Pope Benedict IX (1032-1044)
- o Peter the Great (Russian Czar, 17th-18th c.)
- o Langston Hughes (U.S. poet, author, 20th c.)
- o Pope John XII (955-964)
- o Billie Jean King (U.S. tennis star, 20th c.)
- o J. Edgar Hoover (U.S. director of the FBI, 20th c.)
- o Frida Kahlo (Mexican artist, 20th c.)
- o Janis Joplin (U.S. singer, 20th c.)
- o Aristotle (Greek philosopher, 384-322 B.C.)
- o Rainer Maria Rilke (German poet, 20th c.)
- o James Dean (U.S. actor, 20th c.)
- o Edward II (English King, 14th c.)
- o Anne-Marie MacDonald (Canadian author, 20th c.)
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Ban on Gay Organ Donors surprises Doctors, MPs

Mandy-Lynn Dobratz

On January 7, 2008, an article appeared in CBC News stating that sexually active gay men are no longer allowed to donate organs. This ban, in effect since December, includes injection drug users and other groups considered to be "high risk". Health Canada confirmed the new ban but refused to explain the changes or even inform key professionals in the field of organ donation and transplant.

"We have not been informed, first of all, that Health Canada is considering this," said Dr. Gary Levy, head of Canada's largest organ transplant program at Toronto's University Health

Network. "Obviously if Health Canada wishes to discuss that, we would hope they would engage all stakeholders." [CBC]

The CBC reported, "officials at several transplant programs in the country said because they were unaware of the new regulations, they would continue to consider all potential donor organs."

George Smitherman, the country's only gay health minister, spoke out against the new policy on gay organ donation. "To have these wonky bureaucrats up in Ottawa write that kind of nonsense based on some long-standing bias within their department, ignoring the front-line peo-

ple that actually do this stuff, that was the part that was most offensive," Smitherman said in an interview. [Sudbury Star]

This policy is an extension of the ban on gay male blood donors. It states that men who have, or have had, sex with men (MSM) since 1977 cannot donate blood. A woman who has had sex with a MSM within the year is also unable to donate blood. If an organ donor is a man who had sex with a man in the last 5 years, he will be rejected. The standard for organ donation is not as high as blood donation because the need for organ donors is high and there is no substitute.

The blood donation ques-

tionnaire includes questions such as "Have you ever had an AIDS (HIV) test other than for donating blood?" If the blood donated is tested for AIDS/HIV and other infectious diseases then what is the need for a ban? Other examples include: "Male donors: Have you had sex with a man, even one time since 1977?" and "Female donors: In the last 12 months, have you had sex with a man who has sex even on time since 1977 with another man?" The at risk behavior these questions address is centered on anal sex. However, these questions are discriminatory based on sexual orientation and not unsafe sex. If anal sex or better yet unsafe anal sex falls under this category, why is it assumed that only gay men

have anal sex? Are we in the 1950's? Missionary vaginal sex is not the only way folks. The myth of the vaginal orgasm needs to be exposed AGAIN! What happens when no vagina is present? If these questions are meant to weed out donors based on at risk behavior then the questions should reflect it.

This form of policy making is systemic homophobia. It may have been justified during the worldwide AIDS crisis of the 1980's when scientists weren't even sure what AIDS was but not anymore. This new rule further promotes the ostracizing of gay men from society.

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As the Laurentian population grows, the diversity of the students increases. In addition to racial diversity, Laurentian is home to sexual and gender diversity that transcends labels and borders. It is our hope that the articles in this section encourage Laurentian students to continue to make our university a safe space for all members of the community; gay, straight or otherwise.

Carleton joins list of students' unions fighting gay blood/organ ban

Cody Crawford
the Charlatan
(Carleton University)

OTTAWA (CUP) -- The Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) has joined several other students' unions across Canada in protesting Health Canada's declaration that gay men are no longer acceptable organ and tissue donors.

At a council meeting Jan. 15, an emergency motion on the issue was proposed by the student union's vice-president student services Ashley Hunkin.

"What we are seeing here is a policy based on a series of presumptions and fallacies," she said, adding she urged council members to write letters to Tony Clement, Canada's health minister, and circulate a petition.

The donor ban has gained media attention in recent weeks, but has been in effect since December 2007, and documentation on the ban dates back to March 2007.

According to literature by the Canadian Standards Association, one of the conditions of being a non-eligible organ or tissue donor is "men who have had sex with another man in the preceding five years."

This places the act of gay sex in the same risk category as needle drugs, prostitution, haemophilia or getting a prison tattoo.

"It's a huge discrimination against gay men," said Cameron McKenzie, programming co-ordinator at Carleton's Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Queer (GLBTQ) centre.

McKenzie, a public affairs and management councillor, seconded the motion, and spoke in favour of it at the meeting.

CUSA already has a policy in place prohibiting Canadian Blood Services from operating

in CUSA space due its policy of preventing men who have sex with men from donating blood.

"This the same exact issue that we are dealing with, only now with organs," said Michael Wiseman, administrative co-ordinator at the GLBTQ centre.

But Carleton University is only the latest in a long line of students' unions trying to fight the ban.

The Concordia University students' union passed a mandate morally objecting to Héma-Québec and Canadian Blood Services' policies.

At McGill University, blood drives are banned from the McGill student union centre for the same reasons.

The Newfoundland wing of the Canadian Federation of Students has also protested the policy and the students' union at the University of Western Ontario also added their voice to the melee.

Canadian Blood Services, however, maintains that their MSM policy is not meant to be discriminatory, but is an extra precaution to ensure clean blood.

"The basic premise for the deferral criteria that [CBS] has for men who have had sex with other men is that the prevalence and the incidence of HIV is much higher in males who have had sex with other males than in individuals who are having exclusively heterosexual sex," said Paul McGrath, the Newfoundland and Labrador media representative for CBS, in an interview with the Muse, the student-run newspaper at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

McGrath referenced a study released by the Public Health Agency in Dec. 2006 that found 39.6 per cent of positive HIV tests fall under the MSM category, the highest percentage of any group, with intravenous drug users following at 19.3 per cent of HIV infections.

Struggling with internalized homophobia Carleton student finding happiness in Ottawa and hoping he can help people learn from his past

Emma Renda
the Charlatan
(Carleton University)

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Michael Gough was a party boy, a social butterfly and a savvy businessman. He went to the biggest parties and the best clubs — wearing fashions from all the top designers.

He was a superstar and everybody around him knew it. But nobody, not even Gough, knew that he was struggling with something that was tearing him apart from the inside out.

Gough came out when he was 19 and though he turned 40 last year, is still coming to terms with his sexuality. He says he dealt with the bullying and oppression that plagues young, gay men even before they come out.

It wasn't until he was 38 that he says a suicide attempt snapped him back to reality and forced him to face his problem head on.

"I read that internalized anger equals depression," Gough says, pausing for a moment.

"For me, it was hating that I was gay," he continues. "I would have never thought that I'd hated myself, but when I was able to step back and see all the stuff that I've taken my body through — to such extremes — who would beat up somebody so hard?"

After his suicide attempt, Gough went to a rehabilitation centre in Orlando. He says the time he spent with a psychiatrist there opened his eyes to bipolar disorder, something he had been unknowingly suffering from all his life.

Gough returned to his hometown of Ottawa two years ago and is pursuing a psychology degree part-time at Carleton University.

He says coming home was an opportunity for him to heal and a chance to turn his troublesome past into a way to help people in the future.

"I can walk the talk," he says. "I've been through it all"

As a young adult he made a name for himself with his design company, Bliss, on Florida's Park Avenue, a street he likens to L.A.'s Rodeo Drive. Gough says he was independent and successful; he had everything he ever dreamed of.

But it didn't take long before

his wild lifestyle overtook him completely, he says.

Gough had his first experience with drugs in 1997.

He had planned a vacation with a group of close friends through a tour operator he was working for at the time. He says the trip culminated at a Halloween masquerade ball in New Orleans where Gough took ecstasy for the first time.

"I had never touched drugs. It never came into my reality. I was busy working and I never went by it in high school," he says. "But I decided to take it. And man, did I love it. I felt liberated. At peace. Like a superstar."

Gough says he was soon at the centre of a universe he had just realized existed. He was partying every weekend, experimenting with harder drugs and exploring his sexuality in an environment that was totally new to him, he says.

Looking back, Gough says he can hardly believe what he put himself through.

Now he calls it his "and what?" stage.

"It was like, 'and what?'" he says. "I'd go out to a nightclub all trim and buffed and tanned. I'd meet a guy who was hot for me and it would be like, 'Okay, I can go home to bed with him,' but it wasn't fulfilling me anymore. It wasn't about that."

Looking back on his life, Gough says he can see that his behaviour was a cry for help and that he really needed to listen to himself.

"In hindsight, I can see that most of my life I've been caught up in trying to find external ways of filling an internal need to feel complete, empowered and happy," Gough says.

His escapism into the drug culture wasn't the only way that he tried to distract himself, he says.

He says he was a workaholic while in Orlando and his business forced him to kick his drug habit.

It didn't work for long.

In order to keep up with his fast-paced lifestyle, Gough says he needed the drugs to keep going.

"I started doing crystal meth again just to keep up," he says. "It makes you very alert, very self-confident. I had become so popular in the business that

everybody wanted a piece of me. It just became too much and I crashed."

Gough says he didn't realize how worn out he was until Christmas three years ago.

He says he fell into a depression and one night overdosed on sleeping pills he was taking for anxiety.

"I didn't realize what I was doing," he says. "But I did write a death note to my parents and a few friends."

One of Gough's friends got a telephone message from him that night and called paramedics. After his stint at the rehabilitation centre and a prolonged visit from his mother, Gough says he knew what he had to do to get better.

He sold his thriving business and returned home to Ottawa.

Gough is now pursuing his psychology degree one step at a time. He is working closely with Carleton's Paul Menton Centre and is involved in an Ottawa-based spiritual rehabilitation program called Inner Journey.

He says he is considering following up his psychology degree with a social work program so he can share his experiences with people who are suffering in the same way he used to.

"Rather than being consumed in material stuff, it would be nice to kind of help people," he says. "I feel strong enough inside myself to say, you know what, this stuff needs to be said and got out before somebody dies. I've been in that place of just wanting to die and thinking you're all alone," Gough says.

His eyes glisten.

"There are people that love you so much and how could you do that to them? It would totally, for the rest of eternity, destroy their lives," he says. "It just shows how little you think your self worth is because you don't even think you would make a ripple in the pond. But it would rip your mother's heart out. There's no going back and saying I'm sorry."

Gough says he is back in Ottawa to heal but he has come to Carleton to lead others away from the path that he was on.

"I saw the abusive relationship I had with myself," he says. "There is a real strong mirror here and I don't think that anybody who loves themselves would do this to themselves."

Permaculture

Design System for the Future

Because I was an educator, I realized that if I didn't teach it, it wouldn't go anywhere. So I started to develop design instructions based on passive knowledge and I wrote a book about it called Permaculture One.

—Bill Mollison



Haley Kuntz

Kealaola organic lettuce farm, near Kona Hawaii, uses principles of permaculture.



Haley Kuntz

La'akea intentional community in Hawaii, offers courses in permaculture.

Laurentian student Haley Kuntz had the opportunity to travel to Hawaii over the holidays to participate in a permaculture bike tour.

Permaculture: New Buzzword for an Old Way of Being

Permaculture is similar to biomimicry, in that it seeks to create modern systems that mimic patterns found in natural systems, and it work with nature, rather than against it. Permaculture, (coming from permanent agriculture, or permanent culture) was coined by an Australian ecologist named Bill Mollison in 1978. It involves landscape and people providing food, energy, shelter and other material and non material needs in a sustainable way. It has been called the 'art of ecological engineering' or 'living as if ecology mattered.' Ultimately, permaculture aims to design and build self sufficient human settlements and societies that decrease our reliance on industrial systems.

There are 12 permaculture design principles, with biodiversity, synergy between design systems, and the minimizing of waste being the core principles. Three ethics, including earth care, people care and fair share (placing limits on consumption) are other central values of permaculture. This way of living and design system is by no means a new concept. Although modern permaculture is based on scientific principles and research, it is often called a 'new buzzword for an old way of being.'

Examples of Permaculture

Putting permaculture to use can be as basic as building your house with the living room facing the south to use passive solar to help heat the house. Creating a rainwater catchment system using drums and old lumber and storing the water to water your garden during the next dry season is also permaculture design. Permaculture designs can involve animals like chickens. Chickens' eggs and meat can be eaten, the feathers can be used for warmth, and their excrements make effective fertilizer. A

"chicken tractor" can prepare land for a garden. This is done by moving a cage of chickens across a patch of land planned to be used as a garden. The chickens scratch the area clear and fertilize it at the same time. Community gardens created in vacant lots or on roofs are examples of permaculture in urban environments. Some critics of permaculture say permaculture is inappropriate

for cool and temperate parts of the world and is only applicable in tropical, Mediterranean or desert climates.

Quiet Revolution Started by Bill Mollison

Since the birth of permaculture in 1978, many people have adopted the principles to their lifestyles or communities. Some have gone as far as to call it a revolution, or a philosophy. Permaculture courses are offered worldwide. When asked about permaculture being a change in perspective, Bill Mollison explained what permaculture means for him: "For me, having suffered through a Western education, it was a shift from passive learning - you know, 'this is how books say things are' - to something active. It's saying (and this is a horrifying thought for university people) that instead of physicists teaching physics, physicists should go home and see what physics applies to their home."

Concepts of permaculture can be applied to food systems, social systems and urban design systems.

Modern permaculture design principles have the capacity to improve how we harness energy, repair the environment, heal ourselves and feed the world. In order to build a sustainable future, in terms of housing, food production, and the management of water, we are going to do more than learn about the natural world around us. We need to learn from the natural world.

- Haley Kuntz

Permaculture books and websites:

Permaculture One, by Mollison, B. and Holmgren, D

Food Not Lawns, by H.C Flores

<http://www.permaculturecanada.ca/>

<http://ecologyretreat-centre.com/Permaculture.htm>



Haley Kuntz

Solar panels heat water for an outdoor shower at Gaia Yoga intentional community.

Human made creations that are inspired by the natural world are common in modern society. Solar panels imitate leaves, fibers are sometimes woven like spider webs and airplane wings with a light yet strong frame are strikingly similar the anatomy of birds' bones. Janine Benyus, author of a book called Biomimicry: Inventions Inspired by Nature, points out that, "Virtually all native cultures that have survived without fouling their nests have acknowledged that nature knows best."

Ill Scarlett & Mission District help kick off Winter Carnival 2008

Matt Moskal
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Photos by Caitlyn Quail

Having risen from the community centre scene of Mississauga, Ontario to a spot on Sony's record label, IllScarlett seem to have hit the jackpot. On January 25th, the Clarkson natives teamed up with Montreal's The Mission District to amplify their musical styling throughout the Great Hall.

The foursome would engage fans with the majority of their Matt Wilder produced full length LP All Day With It. Kicking off their performance with the 2007 FIFA U-20 World Cup anthem "Who's Got It?", the team of Alex Norman, Will Marr, Johnny Doherty, and Swavek Piorkowski drew in listeners through their poppy brand of dub influenced rock.

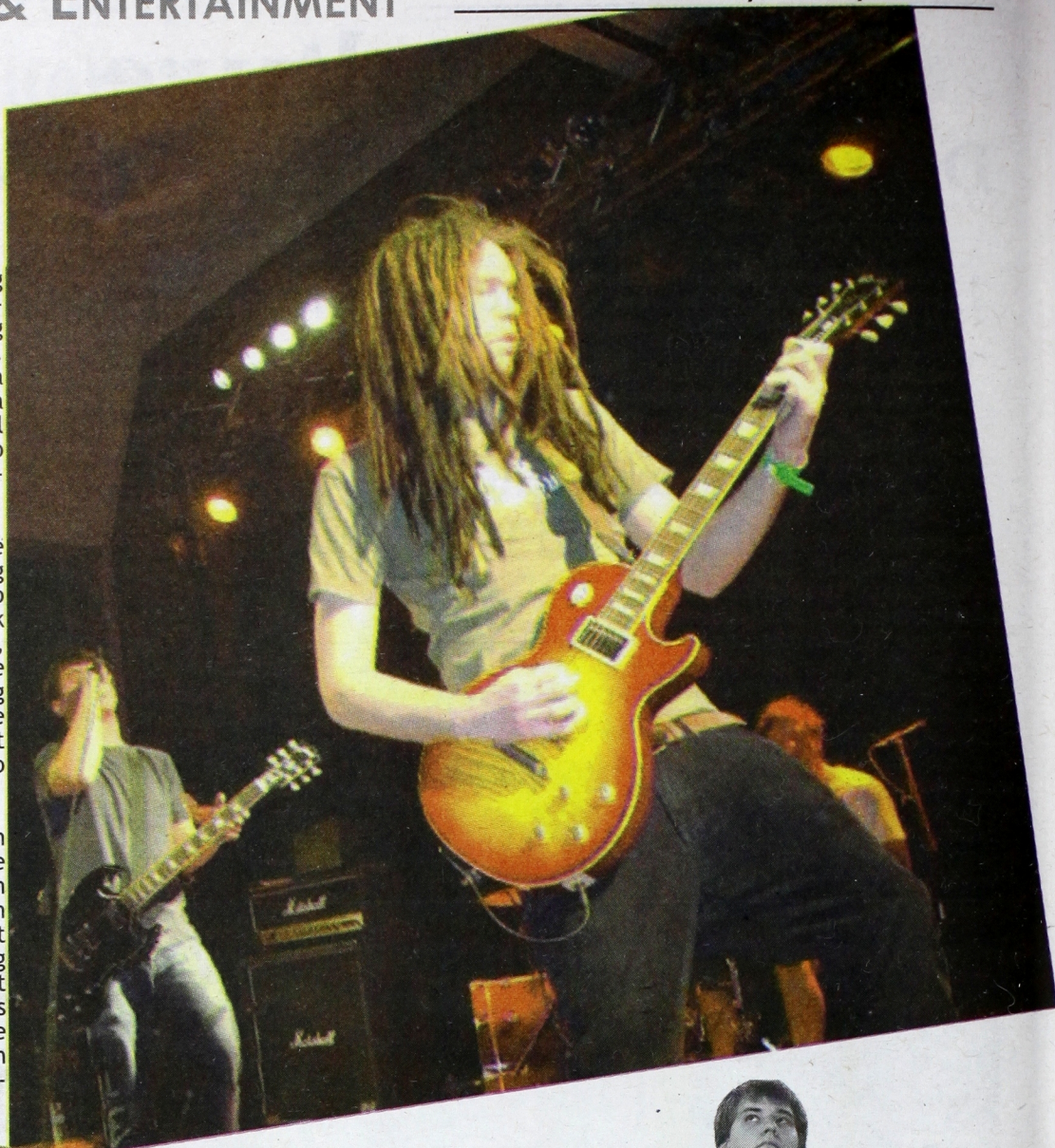
Norman's Brad Nowell channeling vocals kept the audience entertained through fan favourites like "One-A", "NTF", and their latest single "Life of a Soldier". The initial set would close with a cover of KC and the Sunshine Band's "Walking on Sunshine" and their inaugural single "Nothing Special" before returning to the stage to virtually absorb all applause and release the energy through a final rendition of "Mary Jane" and "Heaters".

Highlights would

include Marr's affinity for taking front row centre like a dreadlocked upstroke generator during key solos throughout the show. The former World Marijuana March performers performed in a veritable time warp of material as if to pay proper tribute to their beginnings and leave enthusiasts hopeful for the future.

The Mission District had the daunting task of preceding IllScarlett. Fusing keyboards into elements of modern pop punk with tunes like "Hyper Modern", "Don't Write Me Off" and the title track off their upcoming album, "Youth Games", the Montreal born sextet made a lot of noise with attendees with no prior exposure to material.

Having driven down from Montreal just to play for the crowd of hundreds, the Mission District felt right at home with the overly enthusiastic student group on hand. When the closing notes of "Age Of" fired out through guitarist Travis Barfoot's axe, it was no surprise that the band would be greeted with open arms outside of the venue afterwards.



top: Ill Scarlett, bottom: Mission District



Matt Moskal
A & E Editor

Bonjour.

Here's the deal. If you don't have anywhere to take your beloved on a specifically designed for every couple within corporate grasp to celebrate their relationship, then you are either misinformed or quite possible a hermit. I prefer the latter, however, to keep this introduction going, let's go with our first choice. Allow me to enlighten you:

On February the 14th, the Townhouse will be feature singer/songwriter Bob Snider, who has been praised for his eccentric stage presence. With praise coming from all walks of life in the Canadian music scene, Snider will be joined by Bob Wiseman. Wiseman's reputation precedes him after years of sharing the stage with such notable figures as Daniel Johnston, Leslie Feist, and even Kids in the Hall. Why not shower your loved one with pure entertainment this year? Tickets are only \$10.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door.

Also on the 14th, the Pub Down Under and SGA present: Eat Your Heart Out. At 7 PM, a pasta dinner will be served to set an ideal date condition, to be followed by live music at 8 PM. Andrew Laviolette, David Cavan Fraser, and Mandippal Jandu are set to take the stage and set the mood for a romantic evening. Tickets are \$10.00 for dinner and live entertainment or \$5.00 for live entertainment over. Must be 19+ to attend.

On February 15th, I Mother Earth co-founder and former The Pressure front man Edwin will be manning the Townhouse stage. The man behind the Juno winning "Alive" is making his triumphant return to the great white North. Joining Edwin will be Ryan Malcolm's newest project: Low Level Flight, who will be showing off tracks from their debut album, Urgency. Tickets will be \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door.

Indoor Golf Fundraiser Features Mini Holes and Big Laughs!

Evan Bate
Marketing/Promotions
Coordinator

Do you find yourself staring longingly at those clubs collecting dust in the corner? Is that uneven tan beginning to fade? If so, the Sudbury Theatre Centre would like to invite you to get your golf fix in February during its 2nd Annual P.G. Eh! Indoor Golf Tournament!

Seasoned duffers, slicers and first-time putters alike are welcome to try their hand at conquering 18

custom mini putt holes designed by the STC and sponsored by local businesses. Teams of six will wind their way through the backstage area of the STC encountering unique putting challenges the likes of which they have never seen before! Last year's golfers were put to the test as they putted using pinball paddles or lined up shots while sitting on a toilet seat. The design for this year's course is top secret, but rest assured that the holes are going to be innovative and outrageously fun. As our slogan says, we really do enjoy playing

with imagination!

Sink a hole-in-one for a chance to win some very special prizes; however, this course is about as far away from the pro circuit as you can get. The less skilled you are, the more fun you're likely to have! With that in mind, the STC invites you to grab your friends, your family members, and your co-workers (provided they aren't named Tiger!) and prepare yourself for an unforgettable night of puttering around!

This unique fundraiser

takes place on both Friday February 8th and Saturday February 9th. Golfers may choose between tee-off times of 6:45 pm and 9:00 pm either evening. The entry fee is \$30.00 per person, which includes food, prizes and tons of fun! Please call the STC box office at 674-8381 x21 to secure your spot today!

Win yet another

prize if your team dresses up in fun costuming.

Rest assured that while the holes may be mini, the laughs are sure to be big!

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Sudbury Theatre Centre

2008 IMAX Film Festival At Science North

Giant screen film enthusiasts from Sudbury and Northern Ontario are taking advantage of the opportunity to explore the world and MORE with Science North's 2008 IMAX® Film Festival – the ultimate travel experience! More than 5,200 tickets have already been sold for this year's festival featuring 12 giant screen IMAX film adventures! Don't miss your chance! The 2008 IMAX Festival wraps up February 3rd.

This year's most well attended films include African Adventure, Mysteries of Egypt and The Greatest Places. Audiences are taking advantage of the opportunity to visit exotic locations around the globe, and discover the unique wildlife that live there, by visiting places like the Okavango in Africa, the Valley of the King's in Egypt, as well as several other dynamic locations on Earth, such as Greenland, Madagascar, Namib, Tibet, Iguazu and the Amazon.

This week also marks your last chance to see The Alps: Climb of Your Life. The film is part of the IMAX Festival and will be screened January 29th and February 2nd at 3 p.m.

Life-sized images on a five-storey screen and 7,600 watts of digital wraparound sound deliver sights and sounds so real, audiences will feel they're part of the action! All films are approximately 45 minutes in length. Here's the lineup:

African Adventure: Safari in the Okavango

Join South African zoologist Liesl Eichenberger and world-renowned wildlife filmmaker Tim Liversedge on a thrilling adventure and come face to face with hippos, crocodiles, elephants, lions and many types of antelopes and bird species.

Described as "the river which never finds the sea," the Okavango originates in the highlands of Angola and eventually spills into one of the most arid places on earth, the Kalahari Desert. The Delta, created by flood waters of the Okavango, is so large it can be spotted from deep space like a giant hand bringing relief to this desolate region. Little-known to the outside world until a few decades ago, this secluded 20,000 square-km maze of lagoons, channels and islands form one of the most beautiful and pristine wildlife reserves on earth.

Mysteries of Egypt

Travel to a distant time and place where the Nile River Valley cuts an emerald swath through the desert sands. In the flood-fed richness of this land rose an ancient kingdom whose culture has strongly influenced the western world. Its massive architecture and the intrigue of such personages as Nefertiti and Tutankhamen capture the imagination. Around the old capital of Memphis, near modern Giza, rulers such as Ramses II built massive funerary pyramids to house them in their afterlife and farther up the river, temples were built to the pharaohs and their gods at Luxor and Karnak. Join a dedicated team of scientists to explore these magnificent edifices and the civilization that built them.

If you like this film than be sure to come back again in February! The IMAX film Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs begins February 4, 2008!

The Greatest Places

Take an unforgettable giant screen IMAX journey to seven of the most geographically dynamic

locations on Earth, including Greenland, Madagascar, Namib, Okavango, Tibet, Iguazu and the Amazon.

Amazon

Follow the Amazon River from its source in the high Andes, through the rain forest, and into the majestic Amazon basin. Witness two "medicine men" in their quest for both the medicinal properties of the plants and the plant's curative applications by the indigenous people. Nominated for an Academy Award® for Best Documentary/Short Subject.

Galapagos

An amazingly immersive cinematic experience, Galapagos delves deep into the largely unknown waters surrounding this famous volcanic archipelago to explore the natural wonders of a realm that is truly a living natural science laboratory. Galapagos is a fantastic voyage to an alien world hidden within our own. Uncover the mysteries of the

deep, explore caverns buried beneath the earth and engage primitive wildlife previously unknown to mankind.

Hurricane on the Bayou

Hurricane on the Bayou takes viewers on a breathtaking tour of one of the most vibrant places in America, the Louisiana bayou and the city of New Orleans, a place overflowing with life, music and natural beauty. Here, in the region's bountiful coastal wetlands, alligators, humans and other wildlife have lived in harmony for centuries. Tragically, these wetlands are eroding into the sea at the speed of one acre every thirty minutes, leaving the entire region more vulnerable to major hurricanes. Hurricane on the Bayou offers an emotional portrayal of this environmental calamity and the staggering effects of one of the most devastating natural disasters in American history, Hurricane Katrina.

Mystery of the Nile

A breathtaking cinematic

adventure that takes audiences on an expedition down the world's greatest and most deadly river, the Blue Nile. For 114 days, a team of explorers led by Pasquale Scaturro and Gordon Brown face seemingly insurmountable challenges—class VI rapids, dangerous crocodiles and hippos, gunfire from bandits, malaria, and the fierce Saharan sun—as they make their way along the 5,230 kilometres (3,250 miles) of river to become the first in history to complete a full descent of the Blue Nile from source to sea.

Space Station

Space Station is the story of the unique partnership of 16 nations building a laboratory in outer space -- a permanent facility for the study of the effects of long-duration exposure to zero gravity and the necessary first step towards the global co-operative effort needed if humans are to someday set foot on Mars.

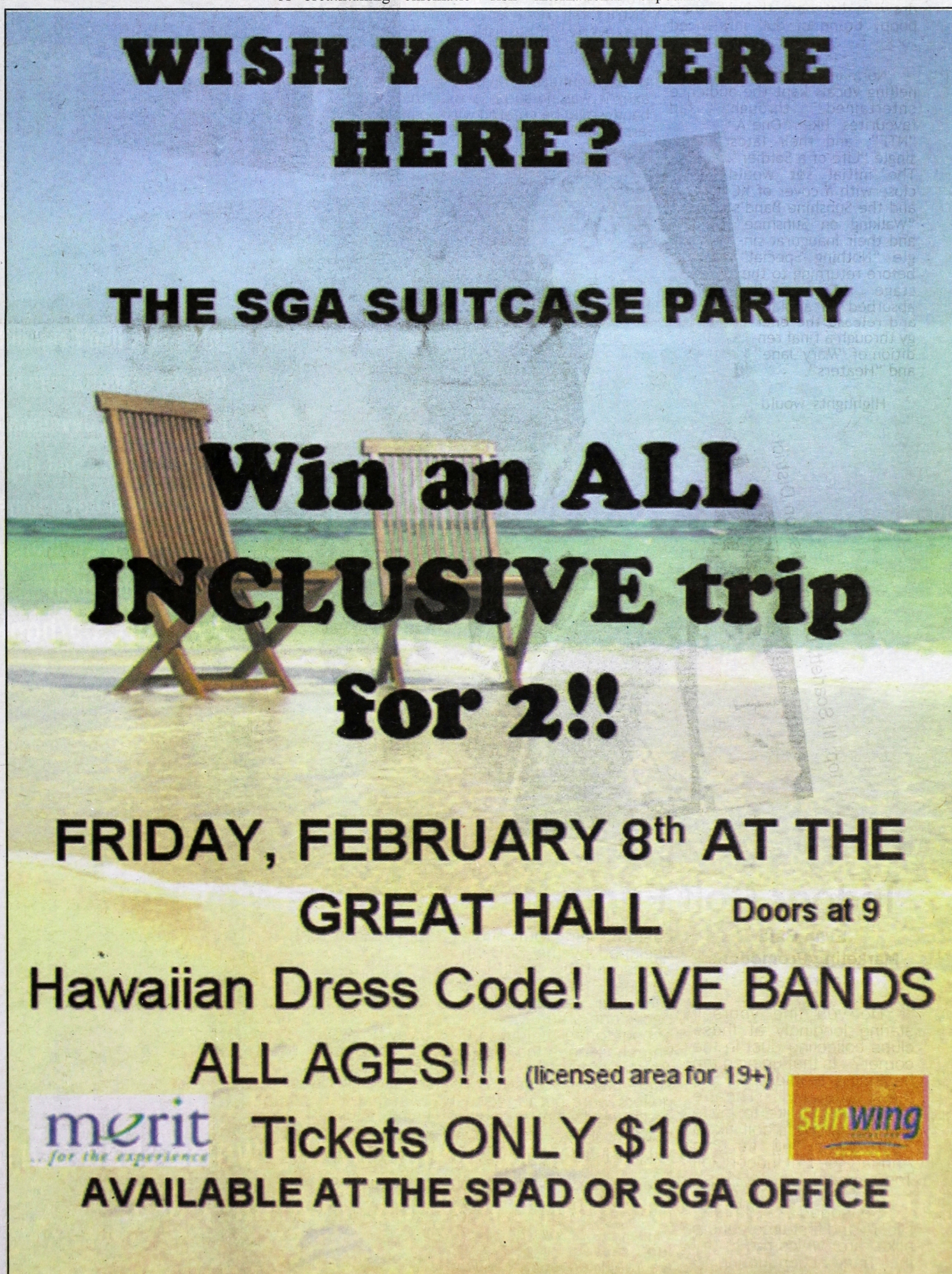
Titanica

Titanica, shot during a high-risk international expedition

12,500 feet beneath the North Atlantic, takes audiences on an adventure of discovery to the site of the world's most famous shipwreck. Award-winning filmmaker Stephen Low brings the tragic tale of the Titanic to life through the eyes of colorful crew members, through spectacular, life-size images of the wreck on the ocean floor, and, in stark contrast, one survivor's poignant story of the Titanic's ill-fated maiden voyage.

The IMAX Festival at Science North is presented by CTV, is sponsored by the Travelway Inn and supported by Scotiabank. Festival packages and tickets can be purchased online at sciencenorth.ca/imaxfestival. Save up to \$17 dollars with an IMAX Festival Package!

Those purchasing tickets and packages are encouraged to make their film choices early (at least 24 hours in advance recommended) for best selection. For a complete IMAX Festival film schedule, visit <http://sciencenorth.ca/imaxfestival>.



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Identifying as an Athlete First

Maggie Frampton
Sports Editor

Have you ever been on a sports team and had a gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender person on your team? In Northern Ontario, more athletes are feeling somewhat comfortable about their sexual orientation and are able to come out to their fellow teammates and coaches. Often coaches and players do not know how to deal with people on their team that do not fit the typical heterosexual hockey or football player. Many athletes and coaches especially in professional leagues feel as though they are not in a safe space to express their sexual orientation to their coaches and teammates due to the possibility of exposing others. Professional athletes have had the opportunity to come out but often this has affected their contracts and possibility of playing for high profile teams. Around the world, athletes from different sports have come out about their choice of sexual orientation. Some athletes such as rugby player Ian Roberts has had no changes to his career after he made his decision to come out. Actually, his endorsements in commercial advertising increased.

For Jason Pelletier, a third year student in sport psychology at Laurentian and a national power tumbler, received positive support from coaches and teammates when he came out as a gay

athlete. I sat down with Jason to talk about how being a gay athlete has affected his career. He explained to me how his experience coming out in high school to his fellow teammates was not as difficult for him as it can be for some athletes. Jason explained to me that he was the subject of gossip for about a week and then once he became more comfortable with himself and his choice everyone around him became at ease as well and did not treat him any different. "The gossip only lasted a week, seriously. At first I made a few changes like I showered earlier than my other teammates to make them feel more comfortable but then there was timing difficulties and I was just okay with it one day". Jason tells me how lucky he feels to have a great support network from his friends, family and teammates. He explains nothing really changed. Jason has been a gymnast for many years and idolized one athlete in particular, Denis Vachon, a native of Sudbury and a national champion in power tumbling who has competed at the world stage. Denis is an openly gay athlete and Jason says the one thing he admires most about him is that he feels that being gay is just another part of his life, like being an athlete. "The one thing I always admired about Denis is he was an athlete first!"

Jason is not only an athlete but also a coach. He often deals with parents and children but he explains that only on one occasion was a parent concerned for

their child's safety with him as a coach. Due to new laws in affect for gay men who donate their organs, this once again is causing issues regarding the stereotypical concern that gay men have AIDS and are HIV positive. He explained that only once was a parent concerned with the possibility of him having a disease that could transmit to their child during spotting exercises in the gym. Jason explained that not very often does this occur but parents have a right to be concerned, however at the same time parents need to be asking all coaches, not just the coaches they assume are homosexual.

At the end of the interview, I asked Jason if he had any tips for coaches who have GLBT athletes or for athletes themselves. "The coaches job is to help the players be comfortable with any of their discomforts in any situation even if it's that the event is being filmed or there being a gay athlete and dealing with issues in the locker room". He also continues to explain that for any GLBT athletes "being gay is just another part of who I am. I am an athlete, a student and a coach. I identify as myself, Jason first."

If you are interested in seeing Jason perform as a power tumbler, Jason and Denis are both part of the national power tumbling team and they both will be participating in the Third National Qualifier at Laurentian in the Ben Avery on March 29, 2008.

Did you know about the Gay Games or the World Out Games?



Maggie Frampton
Sports Editor

The Gay Games is an international competition held around the world at a different location every four years. Anyone can participate in this event regardless of your age, race, gender, sexual orientation and your level of skill. The intention of the Gay Games, which began in San Francisco in 1982, is to end ageism, sexism and racism that are prevailing negative attitudes in sport. A group of volunteers organized the event, as they wanted to promote positive action and unity for the global gay population. The goal of the Gay Games is "intended to bring a global community together in friendship, to experience participation, to elevate consciousness and self-esteem and to achieve a form of cultural and intellectual synergy". The Gay Games are an opportunity for gay people who have something in common to come together for the love of the game free from stereotype and harassment. They are able to play on a team with all gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender people and possibility for once not feel as though they are different from everyone else. The judges, coaches or teammates because of their sexuality will not punish them. At the end of the game in the locker room, they are not teased or heckled because of their sexuality and what they do after the game.

No only is there the Gay Games that GLBT athletes can participate but there is the Out Games as well. The first world Out Games happened in Montreal in 2006 with over 33 sporting events, 4 cultural events and as well host of the "Right to be Different" International

Conference. Anyone can participate in these games regardless of their sexual orientation, race, age, athletic/artistic skills, gender, physical challenge, religion, political beliefs, nationality, ethnicity, or HIV/ health status. The Out Games are based on principles of Participation and Celebration; Respect and Fairness; Innovation; Diversity; and Empowerment (PRIDE).

As you are reading this article, you may be wondering what is the difference between the Gay Games that were started in 1982 and the World Out Games that started in 2006? The difference is quite simply that the Federation of Gay Games had a split in its membership in 2003 and a new organization was formed called GLISA (Gay Lesbian International Sports Association) and they are the organizers of the World Out Games.

One common criticism about the Gay Games and the Out Games that it segregates the Pride community from the rest of society. The only difference from the people who participate in these competition and others is who they chose to go home with at the end of the night. Others feels as though it's the one opportunity that gay athletes are able to play on a team with all GLBT people and not feel different from the rest of their teammates. They are also playing against other GLBT people and are not heckled from the other teams they play. Everyone is judge by skill and not on his or her sexual orientation.

These competitions have been developed to show that GLBT athletes are just as good and are the same as heterosexual athletes.

http://www.gaygames.com/en/games/waddell_text.htm

Safe Space for GLBT athletes Tips for coaches

The information provided was from on the website of women's sport foundation

www.womensportsfoundation.org

This is a list of tips for coaches and teammates on how to be more supportive to GLBT athletes

- Σ Educate yourself about LGBT issues in sport, look for workshops and talk to community groups
- Σ Discourage slurs, jokes and other comments that are demeaning or attack lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people
- Σ Use language that does not assume that all coaches or athletes are heterosexual
- Σ Schedule an educational program on LGBT issues in

athletics for your team

- Σ Use the words gay lesbian bisexual and transgender in positive ways
- Σ Always assume there are LGBT people on athletic teams, among the coaching and support staff even if they do not identify themselves
- Σ Treat all players and coaches fairly and respectfully regardless of their sexual orientation or gender expression
- Σ If LGBT athletes or coaches identify themselves to you, respect their right of confidentiality
- Σ Expect the same standards of behavior from all athletes regardless of their sexual orientation or expression
- Σ Ask LGBT friend or colleagues how you can show support for them
- Σ Don't be afraid to answer questions from athletes, parents about lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender people

No sex in the changerooms

Equity task force on sexual diversity in sport calls for a system overhaul

Rebecca Addelman

TORONTO (CUP) -- Professors and coaches should be sent back to school, says a new report coming out of the Faculty of Physical Education and Health (FPEH). The report examines discrimination in sport in regards to sexual diversity, and concludes that everyone affiliated with the FPEH-staff, students, and faculty-needs a lesson in awareness.

"In order to share space, to share a community, there needs to be an awareness that everyone isn't the same," says Kristine Drakich, head coach of the women's varsity volleyball team and a member of the task force on equity that conducted the report. "This task force opens a dialogue and discussion...[it] acts as a catalyst," she assures.

Started back in 2000, the recently completed report on sexual diversity addresses sexual discrimination in sport at U of T. "In sport and most forms of physical recreation, sexual minorities are frequently excluded by traditions that require conformity to traditional gender roles, and expectations of heterosexual orientation," says the report

The aim is to make the official policy of the FPEH as strongly inclusive as possible by revising facilities, and academic

and co-curricular programs. But with a deep culture of silence surrounding sexual orientation, this could prove to be a trying task.

"The official position of the faculty and the position of the leadership is very supportive," says Bruce Kidd, dean of the FPEH, about encouraging sexual diversity equity, "but the minute your backs are turned...there may not be as welcoming a response and sometimes there's a homophobic response."

Educational seminars could help combat homophobia on the field and in the locker room, says the report. Workshops for staff and coaches would address the tolerance of homophobic language in athletics.

"Language is very important," says Jude Tate, coordinator, LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer) resources and programs and a member of the task force, "in a dance class, the instructor will say 'when the male is leading.'" Using gender-neutral language, she explains, "you would change that to 'the partner who is leading.'"

But something so simple could be the biggest obstacle to the report's success. Homophobic language is very entrenched, and goes well beyond sport.

"There is stuff like calling someone a fag," says Eddie

Moss, a member of the men's varsity lacrosse team, "but I wouldn't say it's because we're a sports team. I'd say it's because we're a bunch of dudes hanging out."

What Tate is quick to point out, however, is that being on a men's team does not necessarily make one a "dude." "There's this belief that there are no gays on our teams and no lesbians," she says, "which is an absolute farce...the experience of people who are 'out' is that they are experiencing a social distancing as a result."

Aside from opening discussion, raising awareness, and censoring language, the report also calls for changes to FPEH facilities and advertising. Co-ed locker rooms and gender-neutral restroom facilities are suggested. So is a re-evaluation of poster and website imagery. For example, the posters and ads for dance classes held at the AC picture only opposite sex couples. "You don't have to put 'queer is welcome' [on the posters]," says Tate, "you can just put a rainbow triangle."

The report is still being reviewed by the equity issues committee, as well as the appropriate academic and co-curricular committees.

So far, there is no guarantee that the report's recommenda-

tions will be implemented and there is no price tag fixed to the list.

Nevertheless, optimism for the report's success remains high. "We're not talking about billions of dollars," says Kidd, "we're talking about refocusing an already existing system." Tate agrees. "I do think education and awareness can happen," she says, "the cost there is time away from work...and it also takes the voice

from the students."

Speaking as a student and athlete, Moss' reaction to the report is positive. "Any measure that promotes people being open-minded and appreciating diversity is a good thing." And besides, he adds, "getting hit in the head with a stick by a straight guy should be the same as getting hit in the head with a stick by a gay guy."

Laurentian Mens & Womens Basketball Stats - January 26th

RANKED VARSITY BLUES OUT GUN VOYAGEURS

SUDBURY, Ont. — The University of Toronto Varsity Blues came into Sudbury this evening and handed the home side an 80-61 defeat. The loss was a crippling blow to the Voyageurs playoff hopes and left the squad with a 2-14 record on the season. Leading the way for the home side in the loss was Paul Kovacs (Barrie, Ont.) with 20 points.

The Varsity Blues flew out of the gate ready to prove they deserve their number seven ranking in the country. A three point shot by Nicholas Magalas made the score 14-5 only four minutes into the game and had the home side in a panic. The Voyageurs responded with a quick 5-0 run capped off by a three point shot by Michael Raskevicious (Sudbury, Ont.) to cut the lead to 14-10. From that point until the end of the quarter, Blue's guard Rob Paris took control of the game. Paris hit consecutive long balls to give him three in the quarter and by the end of the frame, Toronto held a 24-18 advantage.

Paris continued his hot play into the second stanza as he opened the frame with a quick five points. A Matas Tirilis (Mississauga, Ont.) jump hook made the score 31-22, and a Raskevicious jumper in transition cut the deficit to only seven points. That's how the score would end up heading into the half as both teams traded baskets in the final seconds. Heading into intermission, the Blues held a 38-31 lead.

The third period was all Toronto, as they would outscore the home side by a score of 23-13. Six points from Blues forward Nick Snow highlighted the frame as he dominated the home side in the paint. A Lay-up from Andrew Wasik at the buzzer increased the visiting squads lead to 61-44 heading into the final frame. The fourth quarter was a wash, as both teams would battle back and forth without either team making a run. Both benches saw action in the quarter, which the opposition would win by a score of 19-17. The final score of the night was 80-61 for the visiting Varsity Blues.

"It was one of our best home efforts in awhile," said head coach Shawn Swords. "The problem was we gave them some easy looks, and they didn't return the favour."

Leading the way for the visitors was Paris with 29 points. Kovacs finished with 20 points while Whiteman chipped in with 12 points in the loss.

LADY VEES OUTLAST TOUGH RYERSON TEAM

SUDBURY, Ont. — In what could be a preview of a potential first round playoff match up the Laurentian Lady Vees came out on top over the Ryerson Rams by a score of 71-55. Leading the way for the Vees in the win were Cassandra Carpenter (Kanata, Ont.) with 18 points and 17 rebounds and Amanda McConnell (Regina, SK) who had 18 points. Lisa Goldring (Burlington, Ont.) scored 17 points in the losing cause for the Rams.

The Vees started the first quarter on a 5-0 run, however Lisa Goldring scored five quick points to tie things up. For the remainder of the quarter the teams traded leads as each team turned the ball over and missed open shots. The Vees scored the last nine points of the quarter to lead 17-9 at the end of the frame.

The second quarter saw

Ryerson cut into the lead as Kaitlyn Taylor (Sydney, NS) drained a 3-pointer to kick-start a 9-0 run. Carpenter put an end to the run scoring two of her team leading 18 points. From there on the teams battled back and forth for the remainder of half. Taylor scored another 3-pointer with two minutes left to get the Rams within two points. That was as close as they would get for the half as the Vees owned a 27-23 lead at halftime.

The third quarter was a low scoring affair as both teams turned the ball over multiple times. The Vees began to pull away near the end of the quarter but the Rams continued to be a thorn in the Vees side and battled back. Laurentian held a slight 40-37 lead at the end of the frame.

In the final quarter, the Vees proved to much for Ryerson to handle as they started off on a mini 6-0 run and continued to add to their lead. In the end the Lady Vees outscored the Rams 31-18 in the final frame, winning the final regular season home game 71-55.

"Ryerson is tough and we knew it was going to be a tough game," said Lady Vees head Coach Mike Clarke "It was an emotional night for us and it great

to come out with a victory."

The Vees now travel to Kingston next weekend to face Queens and RMC Friday and Saturday, both game tip off at 6 p.m.

VOYAGEURS COME TO PLAY IN FINAL HOME GAME OF SEASON

SUDBURY, Ont. — In the final home game of the season, the Laurentian Voyageurs basketball team had one of their best performances of the year as they downed the visiting Ryerson University Rams by a score of 86-77. The win keeps the Voyageurs slim playoff hopes alive and improves their record on the OUA season to 3-13. Leading the way for the home side was Omar Linder (Saginaw, MI) with 18 points and six rebounds.

As has been the usual this season, the home side got off to a slow start in the match. Ryerson jumped on the board quickly thanks to a jumper from Igor Bakovic, and was off and running. A deep jumper from the corner by OUA leading scorer Boris Bakovic improved the Rams lead to 11-4 early on. Highlights from the opening quarter for the Voyageurs included a coast-to-coast fast break opportunity by

Paul Kovacs (Barrie, Ont.) and a Michael Raskevicious (Sudbury, Ont.) running scoop. The score at the end of the frame favoured the Rams by a 21-16 margin.

Laurentian showed they had a short memory as they quickly forgot the opening quarter and began to take the play to the visiting squad in the second stanza. Back-to-back put backs by Matas Tirilis (Mississauga, Ont.) tied the score four minutes in and an Alex Whiteman (Vancouver, BC) turn-around jumper put the Voyageurs ahead for the first time, a lead they would not relinquish the rest of the match. Linder and Darrel Drake (Saginaw, MI) would take control of the play from their as they combined for 11 points to finish off the frame. Laurentian would take a 43-35 lead into the intermission in one of their best quarters of play all year.

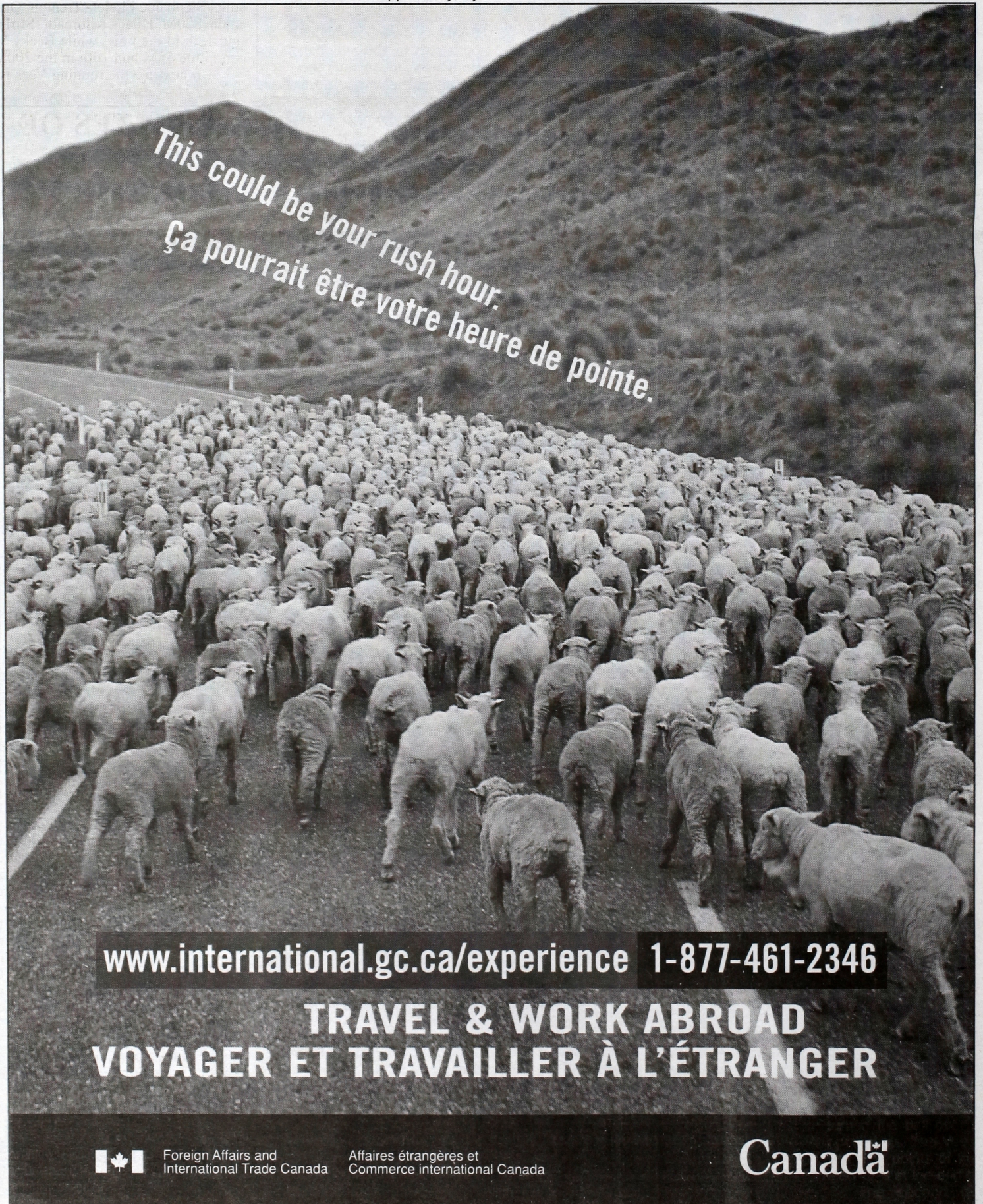
The Voyageurs would keep their hot shooting alive as the third quarter began. Two straight three-point shots by Ben Blanc (Scarborough, Ont.) and Raskevicious improved the Voyageurs lead to 53-40 mid-way through the quarter. Ryerson would battle back though as they hit two long balls of their own to end the half, only trailing by eight, 65-57.

The final quarter began with the Rams playing tough defence and forcing Laurentian into unwanted shots. Back-to-back three-point shots by Bakovic brought the Rams within two points early on, but that would be as close as they came to taking the lead. Down the stretch, it would be the combo of Linder and Drake that would provide to be too much for the opposition to handle. Clutch free throw shooting and great inside rebounding would prove to be the final dagger on the night as the home side turned away a fierce Rams squad in a game that resembled playoff atmosphere.

"Same type of effort as last night, but we minimized the mistakes," said head coach Shawn Swords. "We played hard and hit some shots. The difference was that we played together for a full 40 minutes tonight."

Helping Linder out on the night was Raskevicious with 16 points, while Drake and Tirilis chipped in with 15 points each. Leading the way for the Rams was Bakovic with 24 points in the loss.

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Intramural Indoor Soccer

Thomas Crawford

The Intramural Co-ed Indoor Soccer League is again a huge success. The season started strong with evenly matched players and strong enthusiasm from both the teams and staff. There will be a number of theme nights throughout the season where teams will be judged on there apparel, creativity and participation. Other prizes up for grabs include of course team 1st place 2nd place and 3rd place awards in the competitive and non-competitive leagues as well as team MVPs

and most sportsmen like.

As for the standings; in the competitive league the "Newfies" are currently in top position going into the final day of competition with a total of 15 points. The "Hookers" and "G.O.A.T" are close behind with 13 points a piece. This trend seems to be sweeping throughout the entire league as it is very closely matched with only 10 points separating all 12 teams. The non-competitive league is no exception to this. They are just as evenly matched with only eight points separating all 12

teams. Team "Playing with Balls" have a slight edge in the standings with 12 points with the "Sport psych" and "Cucumber salad" trailing only by a single point with 11 a piece. The games so far have been very exciting and full of energy and the season is off to a great start. Enthusiasm is expected to grow in terms of excitement and competition as it nears the playoffs rounds.

The following are the standings for the Competitive and the Non-competitive leagues for the Intramural Indoor Co-ed Soccer Leagues as of January 22 2008:

Competitive

Team	Points	Place
T: The Newfies	15	1
U: G.O.A.T	13	2
I: Hookers	13	2
H: T-Birds 2	12	4
K: The Franchise	12	4
S: We score big	11	6
J: All Nations F.C	10	7
L: The outsiders	8	8
V: Hunt. City	7	9
X: Losers	7	9
W: Hunt. United	5	11
G: T-Birds 1	5	11

Non-competitive

Team	Points	Place
C: Playing with Balls	12	1
R: Cucumber salad	11	3
O: Sport Psych	11	3
D: LCF	9	4
M: F.C Barca	8	7
F : Poil	8	7
E : Timbits soccer	8	7
A : T-Bird	7	8
Q : B1st Beavers	6	11
N : Paris St. United	6	11
P: We love soccer moms	6	11
B: Huntington Rep	4	12

Battle for Breast Cancer Raises \$1926

SUDBURY, Ont. – The Laurentian basketball teams held their Battle for Breast Cancer game on January 19, 2008 when they took on the Carleton Ravens at the Ben Avery Gymnasium. The event raised \$1,926 that will be donated to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

The Battle for Breast Cancer fundraising game is part of a nationwide women's basketball campaign to raise money to fight breast cancer, which was spearheaded by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

The Laurentian and Carleton basketball teams wore commemorative t-shirts for warm-ups and throughout the game while on the bench. The Laurentian Lady Vees wore pink socks and headbands as well as having pink inserts in their shoes, while the men also had pink inserts in their shoes. The money raised came from game night revenues, donation and bucks for baskets where people were able to donate an amount of money for every point the Laurentian teams scored.

"We are very excited that the event was such a success in its first year" said head coach Mike Clarke. "The money we raised is going to a great cause that so many of us can say has impacted our lives, whether it is through a family member or friends and their families."

"We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us in this fundraising effort" added Clarke.

TRACK VEES HIT UP LAKE STATE

TORONTO- The Laurentian women's indoor track squad traveled to Lake Superior State University this past weekend to compete at the Lake State Open. The meet was the seasons second and was held in Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

The top Laurentian time of the weekend belonged to Lady Vees runner Maggie Robins (Port Perry, Ont.) who finished third in the mile in a time of 5:31:83. Robins also competed in the 800M in which she placed 7th in a time of 2:34:66. Vees rookie Kelly Laing (Oshawa, Ont.) had a strong weekend finishing 8th in the 800M and 10th in the mile. Stephanie Flieler (Trenton, Ont.) finished 6th in the mile and 9th in the 800M. Hilary Kilbreath (Stirling, Ont.) placed 11th in the 800M and 12th in the mile, while Becky Van Zeyl (Shelburne, Ont.) placed 8th in the 55M and 10th in the 200M.

Up next for the running Vees is a meet in Toronto next weekend at York University.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 27TH, 2008



SUDBURY, Ont. – Laurentian University Athletics is proud to announce Blair Smith of the Aqua Vees swim team and Julie Porter of the women's Nordic Ski team as "The Keg Steakhouse and Bar Athlete of the Week" for the week ending January 27th, 2008.

Blair Smith (Cobourg, Ont.) is a third year Sports Education student and a member of the Laurentian Aqua Vees swim team. This past weekend, Smith along with the rest of the squad, traveled to the University of McMaster to take on the Marauders and York Lions. Smith posted a solid weekend taking home three first place finishes. His time of 1:27:31 in the 150M Freestyle and 3:30 in the Individual Medley topped the competition. In addition, Smith and the other three members of the 4x50M Freestyle relay squad posted the fastest times on their way to a top podium finish.

"We had some well executed races from this past weekend in Hamilton," said head coach Phil Parker. "We need to look at both the positives and negatives from

this weekend and evaluate the final preparation leading to the OUA Swim Champs Feb 8-10 in Toronto. The swimmers must be very dedicated to their training commitments over the next week and a half to maximize their potential at the upcoming championships."

Julie Porter (Caledon East, Ont.) is a third year Sports Education student and a member of the Laurentian Nordic Ski team. This past weekend, Porter and the rest of the Ski team traveled to Haliburton, Ont. to compete in a meet held by Trent University. Carleton, Guelph, Queens, Waterloo and the University of Toronto were also on hand to compete in the last race before OUA's. Porter had an excellent weekend as she return home to Sudbury with a first and second place finish. On day one of competition, Porter finished



second in the 5KM Classic in a time of 0:17:11. On day two, she captured the 10KM Freestyle title in a time of 0:30:35 as she led start to finish.

Both athletes return to practice this week as they continue to train for the OUA's in their respective fields which begin in two weeks time. Stay tuned to www.luvoyageurs.com for up-to-date news, views and scores.

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Laurentian University's CKLU 96.7 FM Radio Features Weekly Education Talk Show

Robert Kirwan, a well-known local education authority who operates his own private practice as an Independent Education, Career and Personal Development Agent, is the host of a brand new radio talk show that will be of interest to all students, parents and teachers of the Greater Sudbury Area.

The Learning Clinic: Inside Education, will broadcast live every Monday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on CKLU 96.7 FM from the studio at Laurentian University.

The Greater Sudbury Learning Clinic was founded by Kirwan at the beginning of 2007 as a Tutoring Agency providing personal, one-on-one, in your home tutoring services to students attending elementary, secondary and post-secondary institutions in the City of Greater Sudbury. He has built up a Registry of Tutors which contains in excess of one hundred instructors who are qualified to provide assistance in both official languages in all subject areas to regular and special needs students of all ages in all schools. Many of the tutors on the Registry of Tutors are attending the education program at Laurentian University.

"In meeting with hundreds of parents during the past year I have discovered a disturbing degree of confusion and anxiety when it comes to the learning difficulties and challenges being faced by their children. We continue to emphasize the importance of higher education as the key to a successful and satisfying life, but the complexity of the whole education system today is

overwhelming to most parents and students," explained Kirwan. "The Learning Clinic will provide assistance in the form of personal "learning coaches" to students of parents who approach us directly for help, but I wanted to find a way of reaching out to more of the 45,000 or more students who are attending JK to Grade 12 and post-secondary institutions in the region, and I wanted to find an effective way of communicating with the parents and teachers of these students."

In attempting to accomplish his mission, Kirwan has created a comprehensive web site at www.thelearningclinic.ca that contains a wide variety of information, commentaries and inspirational editorials designed to motivate and encourage students, parents and teachers. "I am pleased with the growth of the web site and will continue to add appropriate content and links to the site to meet the needs of people who turn to the internet for solutions to their problems, but I felt that I needed another form of media to compliment the web site. That is why I decided to turn to Laurentian University for help, specifically, CKLU Radio."

The Learning Clinic: Inside Education will feature special interviews with dozens of people from the area who have something to offer listeners with respect to arriving at a better understanding of education, career and personal development topics. Kirwan will take time to discuss and debate important issues that are of concern to local students, parents and teachers. He will also deal with some of

the trends in education that may affect the Greater Sudbury education scene in the future. Many segments of his radio show will be recorded and made available on demand on the web site at www.thelearningclinic.ca for people who may have missed the actual broadcast or who would like to listen to a particular topic over again.

"Life-long learning is taking on a new level of significance in the world today," Kirwan pointed out. "No longer is education just for the young. People entering the workplace now face the prospect of changing careers up to a dozen or more times during their lifetime. Baby boomers are entering retirement age with hopes of beginning twilight careers that will allow them to remain engaged in meaningful employment into their 70's and 80's. In the not so distant future the face of education will take on a whole new look, and in order to make sense of their world people of all ages will be looking for someone who can provide them with guidance in making the right choices. And every career change will require more education and training."

The Learning Clinic: Inside Education can be heard every Monday night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on CKLU 96.7 FM, or on Cable 106.7. For more information about upcoming guests and topics, visit the web site at www.thelearningclinic.ca or phone Robert Kirwan at (705) 524-7006 if you have any suggestions or concerns you would like to have addressed on the show.

Charity Ball 2008

TICKETS ON SALE FOR SGA'S "MAISON DE LA PAIX" CHARITY BALL

The Laurentian Students' General Association (SGA) is preparing to host its 8th annual Charity Ball on Saturday, February 2nd, 2008. Last year's event was deemed a tremendous success, raising \$2,500 for the Maison de la Paix, Northern Ontario's only AIDS hospice. Charity Ball organizers are anticipating this year's event will be even better.

This year's Charity Ball is a formal attire event with a winter wonderland theme. Tickets are on sale now for \$15 per person. The event gets under way at 8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall, at Laurentian University, with a DJ and cocktails. Hors-d'oeuvres will be served. The event is open to anyone 18 years or older, and proper ID is required.

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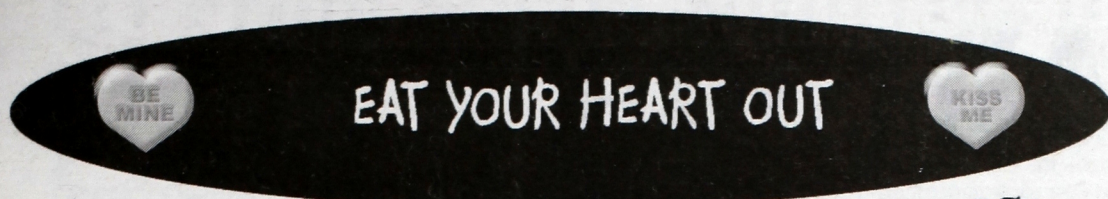
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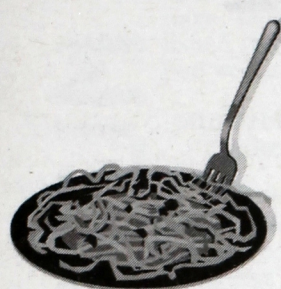
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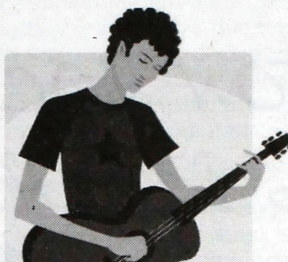
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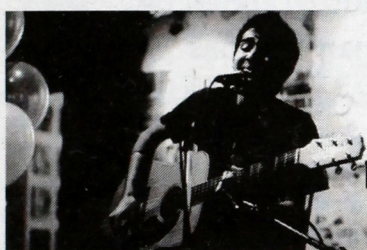
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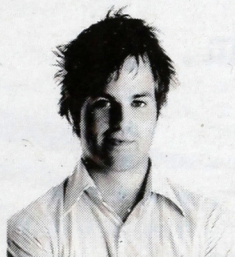
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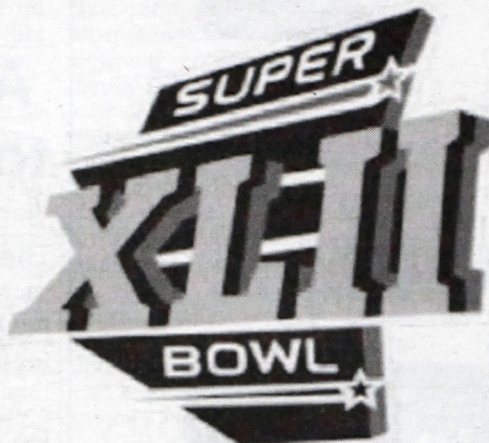
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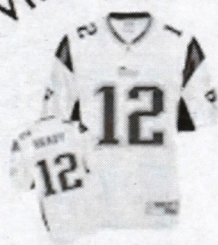


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Horoscopes for the week of January 28th, 2008 - Horoscopes for the week of January 28th, 2008

Aries (March 21-April 19): You're looking for a thrill. It's in the little things, like the curiosity and fun of playing a new game. Singles, be on the lookout: You'll know your love by the ease in which he or she makes you laugh.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Everyone thinks that you have the answers -- because you do. If only you could cover more ground by cloning yourself. Saying no is just as effective.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): An unusual mood strikes, and it feels best to act in an unusual way. You may find

that you prefer to do things backward, upside down or any other way than normal.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Mix and mingle with the fun people. It seems there's not a problem in your heart that can't be overshadowed, if not overcome, by the right music, fine food and jovial company.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): When you apply criticism well, you are a star. Your work is a thousand times better than it was when you began. Pat yourself on the back, or wait for others to do it -- either way, back pats are forthcoming.

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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Authenticity is always attractive and never goes out of style. Someone worthwhile will fall for your subtle charms.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): The stars return you to school days. Be ready to answer for yourself. In the classroom of life, sometimes you are called on when your hand is raised, and sometimes when it's not.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Where help is needed, pitch in -- especially if it's outside

the boundaries of your job. It's when you're doing what is not required of you that you feel most satisfied.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Even if you don't see progress, work your plan. Your efforts are effective on many levels, some of them unknown to you for weeks to come. Friends in high places support you when you ask them to.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Usually you take a conservative approach to dishing news, keeping personal details on a need-to-know basis. It seems that every-

one needs to know what's making you so happy.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There's a Spanish proverb that states, "Since I wronged you, I have never liked you." Don't assume you've done something to create waves in a relationship. It could be the other person.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Your luck is tied to good PR. Your family, friends and acquaintances are talking you up to the right people. Your reputation is more important than money in the bank.

From Smart Squirrels to Sober Astronauts

Matt Strickland

In this issue, Quantum Dots is going to distill some of the more interesting science stories that have been published in the past two weeks.

Squirrels Can Fake It

Those furry little tree rats may be more mischievous than you've been giving them credit for. By spending more hours chasing and stalking squirrels than they probably care to admit, researchers in the United States have determined that Eastern Grey

Squirrels will sometimes put on a show by pretending to hide non-existent nuts. It's well established that when squirrels have spare food they tend to cache it away for hungrier days, but it turns out that about 20% of the time they look like they're stashing away food they're actually faking it. Researchers also showed that when squirrels know they're being watched—by humans or by other possible food thieves—they actually increase the rate at which they pretend to hide food.

Lazy Passengers Are Smart Passengers

Ever find yourself waiting and waiting and waiiiiting at a bus stop when finally you just break down in a fit of impatience and start walking towards your destination instead? Well two mathematicians have shown that walking instead of waiting longer is almost surely going to increase the time it takes to get to wherever you're going.

The two have proven with mathematical rigour that outside of extreme cases where, say, the interval between buses is longer than an hour or your destination is only a kilometre away, it always pays to be lazy and simply wait longer. This isn't something to be taken lightly. It actually means that the wait-longer strategy will almost inevitably get you to your destination faster even though it feels like you're just standing around. Keep this in mind next time you're waiting at a bus stop...unless of course you're in Sudbury and it's a Sunday because, well, that bus isn't coming for another five hours.

Surger-WII

If you're looking for a job where you can play video games at work without having to continuously glance over your shoulder to make sure that your boss isn't sneaking up on you, consider becoming a surgeon. A small, preliminary study from a hos-

pital in Phoenix has demonstrated that surgeons who spend an hour gaming on a Nintendo Wii prior to performing surgery performed 48% better than surgeons who scrubbed in cold. They further showed that games like Marble Mania which require small, precise movements are far more beneficial than just thwacking a tennis ball or boxing the snot out of some guy in Wii Sports. Altus, a game development company has already released a surgery simulation game for the Wii and plans are in the works to make specific surgery warm-up software for use in hospitals.

Astronauts Are not Drunks!

NASA astronauts have been under tough scrutiny since last summer when it was

alleged that several of them have been known to booze and blast-off. Well, a massive review of professionalism within the National Aeronautics and Space Administration recently concluded that it was a false alarm—their astronauts are not drunks. The investigators collected hundreds of questionnaires and conducted about 150 anonymous interviews with flight surgeons, managers, technicians, and astronauts to get to the bottom of the allegations. Astronauts were generally appalled at the the claims and many of them expressed disbelief that such a thing would ever happen. I mean, would you want to have to call Mission Control in Houston, drunk and from a roadside payphone to explain that you just ditched the space shuttle?

Laurentian Dives Into New Technology

University Press Release

SUDBURY – Laurentian University students will help build and test an underwater communications network and gain valuable experience in the fields of engineering, robotics and physics.

A \$350,000 investment from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) will support the development of the wireless communications system under the direction of Dr. Greg Baiden, Canadian Research Chair in Robotics and Automation at Laurentian University. Successful comple-

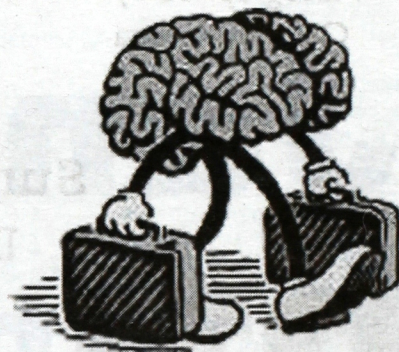
tion would lead to the commercialization of the new technology, which could create highly skilled manufacturing jobs in the North.

"Investing in leading edge research enhances the role of our universities as incubators for new technology and catalysts for progress," said Sudbury MPP Rick Bartolucci. "I am very pleased this innovative research initiative is being conducted in Sudbury and that new economic and manufacturing opportunities could emerge from this undertaking."

"Our government is committed to investing in emerging tech-

nologies that will help diversify the northern economy and benefit many economic sectors," said Northern Development and Mines Minister Michael Gravelle, who is also chair of the NOHFC. "The technology that is being developed and tested has a number of potential applications including underwater exploration, mining and recreation."

These initiatives are part of the government's Northern Prosperity Plan for building stronger northern communities. Learn more at: http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/mn/dm/npp_e.asp



Grey Matter



Josh Buck
Science & Tech

Hello to all who have stopped by,

It never seems like two weeks in between each issue of this paper but it always is; there is no random speeding up of time. Maybe the old adage "time really flies when you're having fun" is true after all. And who among us isn't having fun back into the grind of things learning new and hopefully exciting things. I hope everyone stopped by Club Days last week and signed up for a new club to help these winter days go by. As there was the Ill Scarlett concert held by the SGA which seemed to be a success but Matt's column will have lots more on that I am sure.

While there have been some interesting news bits over the last two weeks none have really jumped out at me. There was after all the announcement of the first man made genome, which is pretty big news but some how Mycoplasma genitalium failed to spark my interest. There has been one thing that I read about that I found fairly interesting and that is that us humans have forced the Earth into a new geological epoch. We have now left the 10000 year period known as the Holocene Epoch and are settling into the Anthropocene Epoch. Some of the major distinctions in this new epoch are

* Vastly altered sediment erosion and deposition patterns.

* Major disturbances to the carbon cycle and global tem-

perature.

* Wholesale changes in biology, from altered flowering times to new migration patterns.

* Acidification of the ocean, which threatens tiny marine life that forms the bottom of the food chain

The idea was first suggest in 2000 by Nobel Prize winner Paul Crutzen and has since been gaining ground in the scientific community. There has recently been two scientific papers published that support Crutzen's call for an official recognition of the shift in epochs.

It is clear now in every aspect of the Earth that there has been human intervention. Within the land, air and sea there will be noticeable differences for future scientists to be able to look back upon this era and see the changes happening. Half of all Earth's land mass has been developed by human activity. In the African continent the loss of soil fertility is growing at a rapid rate. Across the globe countries are struggling to keep up with the impacts that we have created. We are running out of fossil fuels which took the Earth millions of years to create.

Sounds like a grim outlook for our planet but hopefully once this new epoch is recognized it will be one of the shortest lived in the history of our planet. Maybe within a few hundred years we will have scientists proposing a new epoch, one in which it does not seem so dire. Until then we have this new epoch to explore and see what we can do with it. Luckily for us we do not have to read about it in any book but merely have to look outside to see it taking place. Isn't it grand to be alive during history?

Metabolome Project shows us what we're made of

Researchers first to draft a complete map of the chemicals in the human body

Ramin Ostad
The Gateway
(University of Alberta)

EDMONTON (CUP) -- Seven years after the mapping of the human genome, researchers at the University of Alberta have announced the first successful draft of the complete chemical makeup of the human body.

It's called the human metabolome, derived from the word metabolism, the chemical processes that occurs within a living organism in order to maintain life. The metabolome is a collection of all the small molecule chemicals (or metabolites) found in an organism. The U of A's David Wishart explained that it's the chemical equivalent of the human genome -- which contains the hereditary information and DNA makeup of all human beings.

"If you were to think of life as sort of a pyramid, at the base is the genes or the genome, in the middle are the proteins or proteome and at the top is the metabolome," Wishart explained.

"People sequenced the genome seven years ago, and by doing that they determined a fair bit about the proteome. But we really didn't have a good picture of what the metabolome was, and so that's what we were trying to do, trying to finish off the pyramid."

Wishart is also project

leader for the \$7.5-million Human Metabolome Project (HMP), a two-and-a-half year undertaking -- consisting of 50 researchers from both the U of A and University of Calgary, and funding from Genome Canada -- intent on compiling a list of all known metabolites and compounds in the human body.

After completion of their first draft, the HMP database includes 2,500 metabolites, 1,500 drugs and 3,500 food compounds. These metabolites and compounds are used in the process of metabolism, the ongoing series of chemical interactions taking place in the body in order to provide us with the energy and nutrients we need.

"Some [compounds] are superfluous, some of them are essential," Wishart elaborated. "ATP is a metabolite that, without it, we die. And metabolites include things like cholesterol, things like vitamins and minerals, urea and urine, and they are critical to stay alive. There are a lot of other ones that we're not sure why they're there."

While many others are working on decoding the human metabolism, Wishart believes that the U of A is the most suitable place for this type of research. With several metabolomics centres on campus, and many spin-off companies that focus on metabolomics, the U of A is ideal to house the metabolome database.

"The U of A is quite unique in terms of this collective of ideas and abilities. So, arguably Alberta beats the rest of the

world [when it comes to] metabolomics. I think a lot of it has to do with the fact that there are great facilities, great researchers, and the luck of having all of these people at the same place at the right time," he said.

The HMP is also aimed at giving doctors and clinicians the ability to better diagnose and treat diseases by testing chemical reactions, measuring compounds, validating them and recording them in a certain order. There are only eight main compounds being tested during current blood and urine testing, but Wishart believes that this will change dramatically with the creation of the HMP database.

"We have spectral fingerprints for each of the chemicals that are in our body, so that people can reference these fingerprints to identify what's in you. That makes it much easier and much faster to do chemical readouts in the body," Wishart said.

As a comparison, sequencing of the human genome allowed for easy ways to administer genetic tests that can show predispositions to a variety of illnesses, including breast cancer, cystic fibrosis, liver diseases and many others.

"The dream is, couldn't we just have a machine that could do the chemistry to see what's in there? But they didn't have a sort of Rosetta stone to translate what the result was to what the compound was," he said. "That's what we've done: we've developed a Rosetta stone to help translate."

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10. Ought
14. Extremely cold
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16. Against
17. Actor Clark _____
18. Sword
19. Teller of untruths
20. Bewitched
22. Ripped
23. Sick
24. Acquired deservedly
26. Spurned
30. Large serving spoon
32. A Hebrew month
33. Meal
35. A type of parrot
39. Revolutionary
41. Half of two
42. Part of a barrel
43. Lariat
44. Body powder
46. Supplemented with difficulty
47. Strength
49. Bovine mammary glands
51. Type of sausage
54. Arrangement (abbrev.)
55. Wading bird
56. Thrill
63. Perishes
64. Told an untruth
65. Helmet shaped
66. The boundary of a surface

67. 10 cent coin
68. Baking appliances
69. Sow
70. Drink in small amounts
71. Destitute

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1. They come from chickens
2. A low tide
3. A river in central Europe
4. Grind
5. Breed of penguin
6. The grave
7. Maori clan
8. Baking appliance
9. Assigned title to
10. Abused
11. Labor organization
12. A long fixed gaze
13. Fatigued
21. Building (abbrev.)
25. Gifts to the poor
26. A medieval Scandanavian chieftain
27. Concept
28. Scientific workplaces
29. Intruded
30. Pertaining to the moon
31. Cain's brother
34. Memorization by repetition
36. Sometimes comes with candles
37. Assert

38. Marries
40. Weaving machine
45. Ringlet
48. Handles effectively
50. Fire-breathing monster
51. Opposing groups
52. Put up with
53. Vassal

54. Assistants
57. Thirteen in Roman numerals
58. Used to make rope
59. Rant
60. Downwind
61. Care
62. Not difficult

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General Dogsboddy: World's Worst Dictators

Jan Carrie Steven

You may have heard the adage, "The pen is mightier than the sword." I love Terry Pratchett's response in his book "The Light Fantastic":

Quimby was eventually killed by a disgruntled poet during an experiment conducted in the palace grounds to prove the disputed accuracy of the proverb "The pen is mightier than the sword," and in his memory it was amended to include the phrase, "only if the sword is very short, and the pen is very sharp."

Even still, the pen is the only means available to most of us to try to bring about justice and peace in this world. Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights for all, and AI does so using the humble pen and paper, or computer and printer, to write letters of conscience. Letters and letters and letters. Millions and millions of letters sent to leaders of countries and their ambassadors, urging them to stop torture, murder, harassment and other acts of violence.

You may be thinking, "What is the good of one letter?" And my answer would be that one letter in and of itself - maybe not going to change the world. But when a government receives thousands of letters regarding a particular individual or people, it may relent. It turns out that even the world's worst dictators don't like the international community



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to think ill of them.

Not convinced it works? Nothing speaks louder than a freed prisoner:

Ethiopia: Freed journalist donates prize to Amnesty International

Posted: October 26, 2007

Former prisoner of conscience Serkalem Fasil has thanked Amnesty International for helping secure her release from jail. Serkalem is a journalist.

Abbreviated statement: "I

have no doubt about the importance of Amnesty International in this story."

Cuba: Longest-serving prisoner of conscience released

Posted: October 24, 2007

Francisco Chaviano González is the fourth prisoner of conscience to be released in Cuba this year. In April 1995 he was sentenced by a military tribunal to 15 years in prison.

Abbreviated statement: "Cuban prisons are really hellish."

Iran: Prisoner of conscience freed, allowed to leave for the US

Posted: October 24, 2007

Dr Haleh Esfandiari had been released and allowed to leave Iran for her home in the US. In May, she had been taken to Tehran's Evin Prison.

Abbreviated statement: "They hadn't forgotten me."

Libya frees foreign health workers

Posted: October 24, 2007

The release of six foreign health workers in Libya was very welcome news, and followed extensive campaigning by Amnesty International members since 1999.

Abbreviated statement: Valya Cherveniyashka's daughter called the charges absurd ...

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Send your request and email address to jansamne@gmail.com and you will receive a prewritten letter of conscience every Monday evening. It's that simple. To join the Sudbury Chapter of Amnesty International, please contact Bridgette Angster Beckett at amnestysudbury@yahoo.ca. Chapter meetings happen on the Laurentian University campus.

Gentle men and women, start your penguins!

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Employment Opportunities

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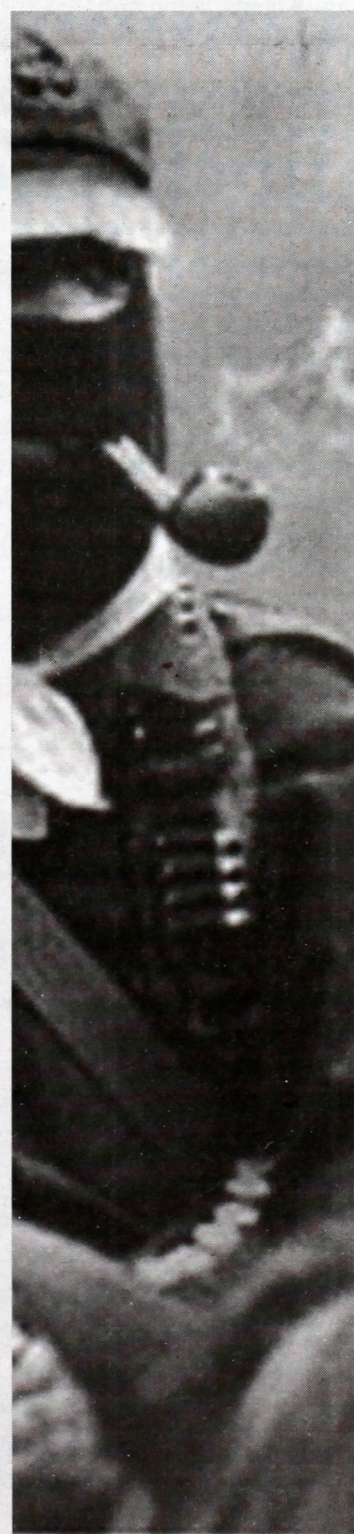
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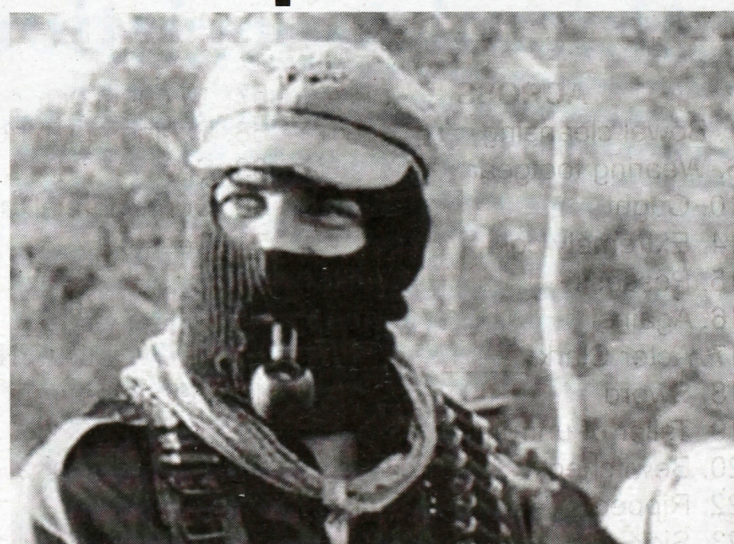
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Indigenous Solidarity film showing: Zapatista



January 1, 1994: The day the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) comes into effect. A few minutes after midnight in Southeastern Mexico, several thousand Mayan soldiers take over half the state of Chiapas, declaring a war against the global corporate power they say rules Mexico. They call themselves the Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN).

Zapatista is the definitive look at the uprising in Chiapas. It is the story of a Mayan peasant rebellion armed with sticks and their word against a first world military. It is the story of a global movement that has fought 175,000 federal troops to a standstill and transformed Mexican and international political culture forever.

Thursday January 31st
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Livin' la Vida Española

Nicole Patenaude

My year abroad was nothing short of amazing! Though people find it difficult to imagine themselves living and studying overseas, capable of adapting to a new and unknown lifestyle, I knew that if the opportunity ever arose for me, it would become one of the greatest decisions I would ever make.

My name is Nicole. I am a now in my final year at Laurentian specializing in Modern Languages – Spanish and Français – Langue et linguistique. I spent my 3rd year abroad through a bilateral agreement at the Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha in

took me no effort to fall in love with my "querido CR" (beloved CR), as I like to call it. Coming from a small town myself, CR was the perfect size and provided me with everything I could possibly need.

In my opinion, the most important part of any exchange experience is neither the classes nor various trips, but the people met and the times shared with them laughing and learning all the while. I believe the only true way to learn a language, being a language student, is to totally integrate oneself in its culture, to be surrounded by the language, and to be given the opportunity to express oneself in that language in every aspect of daily

me to better my Spanish-speaking skills.

Fortunately, I spent Christmas vacation with Gema's family in her village. One of the funniest things about her family occurred when I first met them. Not only would they speak to me very slowly, but they also yelled what they were saying. This happened many times with other natives as well. Gema would tell them, "She just speaks English, you know. She's not deaf!" We ate so much food that week. Spanish Christmas dinner includes a variety of foods, such as savoury seafood, home-grown olives, turkey or lamb, and the delectable turron (chocolate nougat dessert). When Gema's mother noticed that I had a particularly good appetite, she would serve me seconds in my first plate. How could I refuse such generous hospitality? Christmas is so much more family-oriented in Spain. They do not have elaborate decorations nor do they exchange gifts on Christmas Day. Instead, they do so at Epiphany, January 6th, the day the 3 Wise Men arrived in Bethlehem. Consequently, Cabalgata takes place on this day, similar to our Santa Claus parade. However, here there are 3 floats at the end, one for each King. Like here, candy is thrown, making everyone "candy-crazy" in order to obtain the most. I noticed this

behaviour not only in children, but also in my friends (aged 20-28), and even parents and grand-parents. It was just a fantastic time, especially seeing everyone get so involved.

Most of the international students were also studying languages, so we attended many of the same classes. We spent much time together in and outside of school getting to each other very well. I now have friends in over 10 different countries. It just so happened that my closest friends were all Spaniards. Again, like with Gema, interacting with them gave me the upper hand at achieving my ultimate goal of mastering to language. Maite, Julián, Alicia, David, Antonio, Victoria, Paco: life in Spain would not have been the same without the sense of belonging I received from these great friendships.

I could go on and on about my year in Ciudad Real, Spain, having experienced so

many incredible happenings and exciting adventures. Living in CR taught me more than just how to speak a language. It taught me discipline, independence, perseverance, and so much more, all of which I apply daily to my life today. My advice to those who are even slightly interested in studying abroad, or working or volunteering, go for it! As cliché as it may sound, it was absolutely one of the best years of my life. I continue to live vicariously through my memories of life in Spain day in and day out. ¡VIVA ESPAÑA!

Nicole Patenaude

November 2007

If you would like to stand out from the crowd and study abroad like Nicole, please send an email to international_exchange@laurentian.ca.



contributed by Laurentian International

Ciudad Real, Spain, about 200 km south of its capital, Madrid. Ciudad Real (CR) is a wonderful little city. From its warm people and lively festivals to its charming history and delicious tapas bars, it

life. Since I shared my flat with a Spanish girl named Gema, who spoke very little English, I gained this to my advantage. Gema introduced me to many local customs while helping

Alumni Association hosts Sudbury Wolves game

Sudbury (Ontario) - The Laurentian University Alumni Sudbury Chapter will be hosting a regular season Wolves Game at the Sudbury Arena on February 8, 2008, as the Wolves take on the Kitchener Rangers.

All Laurentian alumni, family and friends are welcome to attend. A pre-game social will be held in the Sudbury Arena VIP lounge, at 6:30 p.m. The game will start at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 per person and include:

- Game Ticket
- Complimentary pizza and pop (during the VIP room pre-game social only)
- Voucher for a free popcorn
- A chance at the On Ice Shoot Out (2 people)
- The opportunity to hear the LU Pipe Band
- Access to the VIP room during the entire game
- Chance to win several door prizes

Please contact the Alumni Relations Office at (705) 675-4818 or alumni@laurentian.ca to purchase your tickets by Wednesday February 6, 2008, at 4 p.m. Tickets can be picked up at the advanced ticket booth at the Sudbury Arena on the evening of the game.

Blood 101

Between January 14th and February 8th Laurentian will be part of Blood 101, a national competition between other schools across Canada to get students to donate blood.

The second clinic will be at

West Residence W-132

Saturday February 2nd from 11:30am-3:15pm

We are also asking for volunteers to help at the West Residence Clinic

There will also be blood buses available every Monday and Tuesday at 5:30. An appointment must be made.

If there you have any questions, concerns, want to volunteer or would like to book an appointment for a Blood Bus contact

Mario Dumouchel

email: mx_dumouchel@laurentian.ca

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